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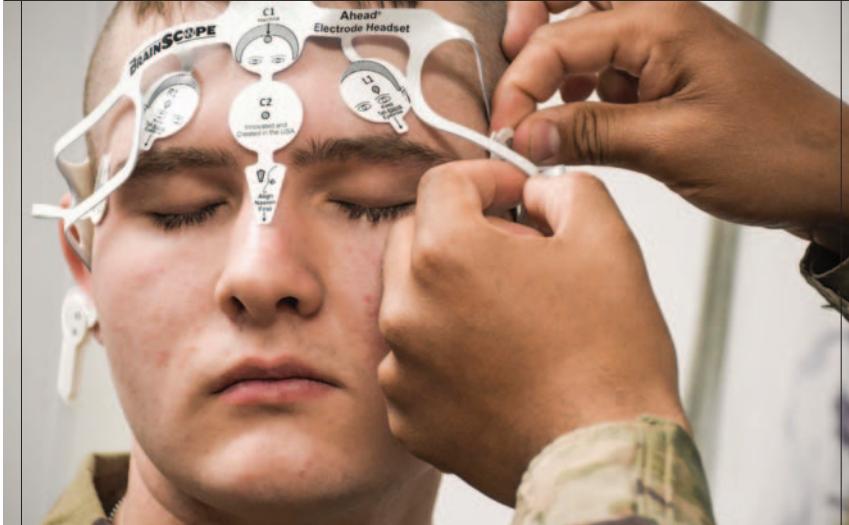
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TACKLING TBI

By J.P. LAWRENCE
Stars and Stripes

AP LIGHTNING, Afghanistan — Soldiers are trying out a high-tech brain scanner that tests for mild traumatic brain injuries.

The 1st Special Forces Assistance Brigade is the first unit to use the smartphone-sized BrainScope device in the field.

Capt. Nicholas Korerat, a physical therapist in the 1st SFAB, trained newly arrived medics from the 2nd Squadron (Armored), 1st Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division, on the device Saturday at Advising Post Lightning near Gardez.

"It looks like a smartphone and kinda acts like one," Korerat told the soldiers.

Medics often rely on injured soldiers to tell them what happened. But those with traumatic brain injuries often lose consciousness or suffer memory loss. Additionally, symptoms such as headache, dizziness and anxiety aren't visible and can be hidden or misinterpreted.

"Should we let them go back on mission? It tends to be subjective," Korerat said. "But the really neat thing about this is that it gives you objective data."

Army Pvt. Jason Kasper, a medic with the 2nd Squadron (Armored), 1st Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division, tests out BrainScope, a high-tech brain scanner designed to detect traumatic brain injuries, at AP Lightning, Afghanistan, on Saturday.

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Medics start using BrainScope, a new early detection scanner

Electrical currents course through the brain, and when someone has TBI, those currents will look different when analyzed by a scanner. The device can read the brain currents. It shows on a smartphone-like display whether a brain scan looks like those of people with TBIs.

"Instead of us saying, 'Hey, they might have one,'" Korerat said, "this says in an objective manner, 'They have a brain bleed, so let's take care of them and get them out of here.'"

Researchers estimate 15 to 23 percent of servicemembers returning from combat have suffered mild traumatic brain injuries. Most of those combat TBIs came from explosive blasts. Moderate to severe TBI is linked to increased risk of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS.

With mild TBI, most symptoms resolve over a period of a few weeks, although an estimated 10 to 20 percent of people develop prolonged symptoms.

The Department of Defense has called for a device such as the BrainScope since at least 2012. The DOD, the NFL and private investors funded development of the device, which received FDA approval in 2016.

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Esper on mission to modernize the Army

BY DAN LAMOTHE
The Washington Post

WARREN, Mich. — Army Secretary Mark Esper climbed into the back of an experimental Bradley Fighting Vehicle on a recent afternoon, donning a helmet with plans to observe the armored behemoth from the inside. An operator put the 28-ton vehicle in autonomous mode for a demonstration, but it halted with a lurch. The computer had "dropped" the planned route from its memory.

The visit to the Army's automotive research center is illustrative of the service's efforts to modernize after nearly 17 years of war. The Army, after a string of fits and starts and multibillion-dollar failures, is pressing to field a variety of replacements in its aging fleet of combat vehicles. Esper said it is urgent that the Army begin modernizing now to outmatch potential adversaries such as Russia and China.

"I think that we are at an inflection point right now in history," Esper said in an interview. "I think we have been for the last year or so, and I think it's a time to come in and make a difference. If I can leave here after three years and have made a difference, I'll feel good about the experience."

Esper became President Donald Trump's top political appointee in the Army after a tumultuous period in which two other nominees changed their minds about taking the job.

Vincent Viola, a billionaire Wall Street trader and owner of the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers, withdrew in February 2017 after struggling to untangle his financial conflicts of interest. Trump then nominated Tennessee state Sen. Mark E. Green, who stepped aside in May 2017 under pressure for past comments about Muslims, transgender people and Hispanics.

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JOANNA RAPTIS, PORTSMOUTH (N.H.) HERALD/AP

New LCS commissioned

Sailors man the rails of the USS Manchester during the littoral combat ship's commissioning ceremony Saturday at the New Hampshire State Pier in Portsmouth, N.H. More than 5,000 people watched the ceremony, at which New Hampshire's Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, whose initials are welded into the ship's hull, said serving as the ship's sponsor was "the thrill of a lifetime." The ship's skipper, Cmdr. Emily Bassett, is the first female commander of a littoral combat ship.

Poland seeks permanent US troop presence, offers funding

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's defense minister said Monday that he has held talks with U.S. officials about having thousands of American troops permanently stationed as a deterrent in Poland.

Poland is concerned for its own and the region's security following Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula, its support for separatists in eastern Ukraine and other steps seen as hostile.

Defense Minister Mariusz Błaszczyk said he recently held talks in Washington about having a permanent presence of U.S. troops in Poland, where they are currently on a rotational, temporary, though open-ended, mission. "The result of our efforts is that

the U.S. Senate has contacted the Pentagon about an assessment of ... (the) permanent presence of U.S. troops in Poland," Błaszczyk said on state Radio 1. "Such presence is of great importance because it deters the adversary."

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said that an increase in the West's military presence near Russia's borders "certainly does not contribute to security and stability on the continent in any way."

"On the contrary, these expansionist steps, certainly, result in counteractions of the Russian side to balance the parity which is violated every time this way," Peskov said, according to Russian news agency Tass.

The Onet.pl news portal says Poland is seeking the permanent deployment of a U.S. armored division and is offering up to \$2 billion to help build the infrastructure. It says the defense ministry has written to U.S. politicians and the U.S. Congress with details of the proposal.

The ministry's press office confirmed to The Associated Press that such a document has been forwarded but declined to give more details.

Other countries in the region also would like to see U.S. land forces stationed permanently in their area, Błaszczyk said last week.

U.S. and NATO troops were deployed to Poland and the region last year as a security assurance.

Ex-presidential military aide, partner charged in \$15.5M fraud case

BY RAMON ANTONIO VARGAS
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

A former top military aide to three American presidents and his business partner made a simple pitch to foreign investors: Pump money into post-Katrina New Orleans rebuilding efforts and get an easy path to a green card.

Only rather than using the money to build a promised Algiers hotel complex, retired Air Force Col. Timothy Milbrath and William B. "Bart" Hungerford Jr. spent it buying things like half-million-dollar homes for themselves, federal prosecutors say.

A grand jury in New Orleans handed up a raft of fraud charges Friday against

Milbrath, 62, and Hungerford, 57, and they could face years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines if convicted.

At the center of the case is the so-called EB-5 visa program, which allows immigrants to obtain permanent residency if they invest at least \$500,000 in a U.S. company that within two years creates jobs for 10 Americans in an area with a high unemployment rate.

New Orleans was one such area following its devastation by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In October 2006, then-Mayor Ray Nagin's administration signed a contract giving a company founded by Milbrath and Hungerford the exclusive right to link

EB-5 visa hopefuls with projects in which to invest.

The company, NobleOutReach, collected \$15.5 million from 31 immigrants from countries such as China, Turkey, Jamaica, Iraq, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

Milbrath and Hungerford, of Maryland, bought into several coffee shops and bars that brought jobs to some of the areas in New Orleans that Katrina least affected, so none of that helped the investors' quest for green cards, according to reports from WWL-TV.

Plans to build a hotel, a conference center and a WOW Café & Wingery on an empty

lot in the 3000 block of Gen. DeGaulle Drive in Algiers were supposed to help the investors' status in the EB-5 program.

The site never materialized despite a groundbreaking ceremony that featured live music, dancing, and speeches from city and state politicians.

Among other things, federal authorities said Milbrath and Hungerford instead used the money to pay their and their wives' salaries — one year, roughly \$210,000 each.

Milbrath served as the White House Military Office's chief of staff under Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

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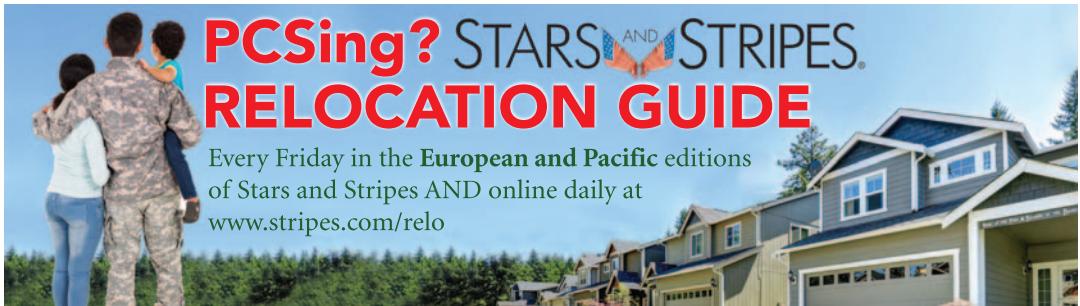
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Clockwise from above: A rose placed by his brother and sister marks the name of Army Chief Warrant Officer Robert O. Hill Jr. at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. Hill died on Sept. 27, 1970, in Quang Tri province. Visitors view the names etched into the Vietnam memorial. Taps is played at the end of the Memorial Day ceremony at the National World War II Memorial.

On Memorial Day, veterans, fallen honored

From staff reports

WASHINGTON — As dawn broke over the nation's capital, hundreds of men and women from all walks of life were readying monuments to wars past and present scattered across the city.

On this day — Memorial Day — ceremonies held by and hosted for veterans from every major American conflict are held. Some are somber, like the wreath-laying ceremony at the National World War II Memorial. Others, like the raucous parade that runs down the street that separates the White House and the Washington Monument, are more joyous affairs.

No matter the location, or level of solemnity, the people gathered in Washington did so to remember the men and women who have lost their lives in the service of their country.

At the sprawling monument dedicated to combatants from the "Greatest Generation," a handful of World War II veterans laid wreaths at the base of an inscription that reads, "Here we mark the price of freedom." Above it sit 4,048 golden stars — each a representation of 100 American service-members killed during the war.

Lost in the immensity of such staggering casualties is the effect it has on the men who remain. Bob Toski, an Army infantryman who fought in the war, says even more than seven decades later, the faces of those killed are not forgotten.

"When you're a soldier and you survive, you don't think about yourself," said Toski, who played golf on the PGA tour for many years. "You think about the guys that never came back. That's always deep in your heart."

Toski, upon reflecting on the crowds of



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Bob Toski, left, an Army veteran who fought in World War II, sits next to his brother, Tom, a Navy veteran from the war, during the ceremony at the National World War II Memorial.

people that wanted to shake his hand and say, "Thank you," said it was a humbling experience.

"I had so many friends that were killed ... friends that never came back," Toski said. "I'm a survivor, but you can't forget those that gave their lives to keep democracy what it is today."

The same thread of humility ran through many of the WWII veterans at the ceremony, from Harold Radish, a prisoner of war

in a German camp who played down his horrific experiences, to Frank Ettinger, an Army Air Corps veteran who said Americans fought because they had to.

"I didn't think we were particularly special," Ettinger said. "It was our duty."

Down the mall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, nurse Bobbie Fry spoke about a soldier who died in 1967 and whose identity she discovered only a few weeks ago.

"It was Christmas," she recalled. "We

thought everything would kind of be a little quiet. They brought him into triage, but his wounds were severe. He died immediately. I just think about him every Christmas, and he also just kind of represents all of the 11th Armored Cav."

His name was Pfc. Delbert Otis Lewis. "I get the 11th Armored Cav calendar every year," Fry said, "and on the back, it listed all the years, all the deceased and what units they were with. I said, 'Let me see how many died on that date,' and it was just one. So I knew it had to be him. Then I went to The Virtual Wall, and there he was. So now, when I remember him, I remember that sweet face."

At the Wall, volunteer Wayne Jones spoke about his father, also named Wayne, who died on Aug. 17, 1967, in a plane crash on Dragon Mountain in Vietnam while supporting Special Forces troops. The bodies of Jones and three others on the DeHavilland Otter were found 19 days after they went missing.

"Initially, with him being missing, we were instructed by the [Department of Defense] not to give interviews, not to say anything about him that could've been used if he had, in fact, been captured," he said. "My dad, continued that throughout her life. She's still living, but to this day she still will not talk about him. So growing up, we never talked about my father at home."

Jones, who lives in Blairsville, Ga., said he volunteers at the Wall "to honor my dad every major holiday."

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump paid tribute at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

"We mourn alongside their families and we strive to be worthy of their sacrifice," he said.

MILITARY

Americans, S. Koreans honor fallen US troops

BY MARCUS FICHTL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Americans and South Koreans paid respects Monday to 28 fallen U.S. servicemen buried at a foreign cemetery in Seoul.

Hosted by American Legion Post 38 and the South Korean Legion is Not Free Society, the 10th annual Ben Delahunt Memorial Day ceremony brought more than 100 people from both nations to the tiny Yanghwajin Foreign Missionary Cemetery overlooking the Han river.

The quiet, hourlong ceremony saw Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from nearby Yongsan Garrison plant U.S. flags on the gravesites.

Some of the tombstones remain scarred by bullets from the Korean War. The graves range from a Civil War general who became an adviser to King Gojong to Korean War veterans.

"We enjoyed the honor of remembering the men and women who sacrificed for their country and their families too," said Chris Vai, vice commander, American Legion Post 38 and 30-year Army veteran. "All services except the

Marine Corps are buried there, from private to general."

Vai said if it wasn't for a chance encounter 10 years ago that alerted him to help out at what was then a recently restored foreigner cemetery, the servicemen buried



MARCUS FICHTL/Stars and Stripes

South Koreans clean U.S. gravesites at Yanghwajin Foreign Missionary Cemetery in Seoul, South Korea, on Monday.

there may have been lost to history.

After finding little support among the units stationed in South Korea, the post enlisted Seoul American High School's JROTC and a local Boy Scout troop to fill

"I want to honor the fallen, be-

the ranks.

For Brandon Sigurdsson, 18, a JROTC cadet, this is his third time supporting the event. As the student commander, he leads 10 of his classmates during the ceremony.

"We ultimately aim any military person is to end war, (since) we know how terrible war is," he said. "It would be nice to know their mission was accomplished."

cause many of us are going into the service, and I want to give back to those who gave us freedom," the teen from Mineola, Texas, said. Sigurdsson will begin his Army service as an ROTC cadet at Norwich University, a private military academy in Vermont.

While Vai and his team have identified 28 plots belonging to U.S. veterans, they're still looking for more Americans buried at the 400-plot cemetery. Some had their service history withheld for fear of vandalism.

"We occasionally look for family members who lost track of their family members there, looking through registries and using ancestry websites," he said.

With a potential peace treaty on the horizon to replace the armistice the two Koreas signed in 1953, Vai said peace on the peninsula would be a tribute to those who are buried on Korean soil.

"The ultimate aim of any military person is to end war, (since) we know how terrible war is," he said. "It would be nice to know their mission was accomplished."

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Memorial Day events in Afghanistan pay tribute to America's war dead

BY CHAD GARLAND
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BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — A field of lights and a display of names and photos projected on a blast wall here Monday night paid tribute to more than 8,000 Americans and their allies who've died as part of the United States' wars since 2001.

Earlier in the day, Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in the country, gave a moving speech before a gathering of U.S. troops and diplomats and their allies at the NATO mission's headquarters in Kabul.

"We remember all of the American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines killed in Afghanistan. I specifically want to highlight 22-year-old Spc. Gabriel Conde who was the latest American service-member killed in action on 30 April," Nicholson said. "Our duty ... is to remember them, say their names, tell their stories, ensure that we never, never forget them."

Nicholson shared the names and stories of three men who died under his command in the 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division in 2006: Lt. Col. Joseph Fenty, for whom eastern Afghanistan's FOB Fenty is named, Pfc. Justin Davis and Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Jared Monti.

His voice broke several times during his speech, and he was forced to pause to compose himself while telling their stories, such as his memory of meeting Davis' mother at her son's grave in Arlington Cemetery's Section 60.

Nicholson had gone there in 2007

to visit Fenty's grave, but stopped to pray at each of the graves of 10 soldiers who'd served under him as he passed them before coming to Davis' headstone, where a blanket was spread in front of it. The 19-year-old soldier's mother approached as Nicholson prayed.

"I said to her, 'I was your son's commander, and I'm so sorry I didn't bring him home to you,'" he said before pausing for several seconds and clearing his throat. "She reached out and hugged me, and she comforted me when of course it should have been me comforting her."

Nicholson also discussed the "survivor's guilt" that sometimes plagues troops when their comrades are killed, suggesting that the way to deal with those feelings is in part to respect the service-members' choice to serve and to keep their memories alive so that they may draw strength from their inspiration.

As night fell on Bagram, dozens of troops stood alongside concrete barriers, holding miniature American flags and watching the display, titled "Faces of the Fallen," which projected the names and images of the 7,000 U.S. troops killed in the country's recent wars, as well as details about the 1,300 coalition troops also killed. Short video clips played of families talking about their fallen loved ones, while organizers quietly voiced hopes that rebels would not fire rockets on the base, as frequently happens at night here.

The spot selected for the temporary Memorial Day monument was a large, dusty lot next to the PX

base's main road, named for Spc. Jason A. Disney, a soldier killed in an accident on the base in February 2002. Not far away was

that was the site of a deadly suicide bombing in November 2016 that killed five Americans and injured 15 others, the first such attack to take place inside the base's gates. A permanent memorial bearing the names of the dead was built in May 2017 at the site of that attack, which triggered heightened security on base and left some residents at the largest U.S. military compound in Afghanistan shaken.

Tiffany Banks, center director for the USO here, said the Memorial Day event was the first of its kind at Bagram, and was inspired by a similar Nightfall 5K and Vigil that the USO has held at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, since Memorial Day in 2012. That event featured nearly 7,000 luminaries to honor each of the fallen servicemen in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A flyover in a missing-man formation, a convoy of armored vehicles and 1,600 runners who participated represented the troops who had died in the air and on the ground during the conflicts, Banks said.

The USO wanted the Bagram display to honor the troops killed in the Afghanistan War, including the namesakes of various parts of the base, such as Pat Tillman, for whom the main USO facility here is named, Banks said. Tillman, an NFL player who became an Army Ranger after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, was killed by friendly fire during a firefight near the Pakistan border in April 2004.

The site of the display was just off the base's main road, named for Spc. Jason A. Disney, a soldier killed in an accident on the base in February 2002. Not far away was



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Gen. John Nicholson, left, commander of the U.S.-led NATO mission in Afghanistan, and Command Sgt. Major David Clark salute as taps is played after they placed a wreath in front of a monument at NATO's Resolute Support mission headquarters in Kabul.

the Air Force's Camp Cunningham, named for Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham, a pararescueman who died treating nearly a dozen wounded on the battlefield during the Battle of Robert's Ridge in March 2002. Farther up the road was Staff Sgt. Heathen N. Craig Joint Theater Hospital, named in honor of a soldier who died while on a medevac mission during combat operations in June 2006.

Nicholson said the Americans, their allies and the Afghan forces who have died in the U.S.' longest war have all helped bring the con-

flict to the "unprecedented time that we are now in," with peace offers on the table, widespread Afghan calls for an end to the conflict and international support for the peace process.

Despite the latest efforts to coax the Taliban to the peace table, the group shows no sign of ending its insurgency against the Kabul government and has promised to step up attacks on the Americans and their allies, especially in the Afghan capital.

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Army Pvt. Jason Kasper, a medic with the 2nd Squadron (Armored), 1st Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division, places his hands over his eyes as a device scans his brain waves to test for traumatic brain injuries.



Left: Army Pfc. Shalynn King, a medic with the 2-1 Cav, holds back her hair as another medic places electrodes on her forehead. Right: Soldiers at Advising Post Lightning train on the smartphone-sized BrainScope device.



Injury: Device intended to provide faster screening

FROM FRONT PAGE

Pvt. Jason Kasper, a medic with the 2nd Squadron (Armored), 1st Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division, volunteered to be the first subject at training Saturday.

First there was a short quiz about the details of his injury — a minor fall for the purposes of the training. Then, another medic pressed a crown of electrodes onto Kasper's face to measure his brain waves. Kasper laid back and closed his eyes. Five minutes later, a reading of his brain appeared on the device.

Lt. Col. Tony Serrano, the 2-

Cav doctor in charge of the aid station, said he watched the training as the medics followed the step-by-step instructions on the screen. He said he wanted to see if the device was easy to handle. "This new technology, it's good to have it here to do faster and accurate screening," Serrano said.

Kasper did not have a TBI.

When the scan is done by a trained medic, the whole process takes about 20 minutes, Kasper said.

Before, a soldier who could have a TBI might have to be taken for a CT scan, which may

require a trip far away to a place such as Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, he said. So that soldier and an escort may have to leave their unit for a long time for an injury that may or may not exist.

The vast majority of patients who receive a CT scan — 90 percent — do not have a structural brain injury, according to literature provided by the makers of BrainScope. The company has not disclosed the cost of the device but has stated it's cheaper than a CT scan.

The goal is to push assessment down to the aid station level, Tracie Lattimore, director

of the Army's Traumatic Brain Injury program, said in a phone interview. "We have to find ways to ID that injury and get those resources earlier," Lattimore said. "If we can do that, we can decrease the number of prolonged sufferers."

Lattimore said researchers are watching whether medics in austere environments actually use the device. "It's a question of whether people are going to use them in the field and if it can actually make an impact on consciousness," Lattimore said.

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China dispatches ships to warn off US vessels

China says it dispatched warships to identify and warn off a pair of U.S. Navy vessels sailing near one of its island claims in the South China Sea.

A statement on the defense ministry's website said the Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Higgins and Ticonderoga class guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam entered waters China claims in the Paracel island group "without the permission of the Chinese government."

It said the Chinese military "immediately dispatched warships to identify and inspect the American ships according to law and warned them to depart."

China has controlled the Paracels entirely since violently seizing Vietnam's holdings in the area in 1974. Called "Xisha" in Chinese, the islands have been incorporated into the southern province of Hainan and are being developed for tourism, as well as being equipped with weapon systems meant to enforce China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea.

China earlier this month landed bomber aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons on its main base at Woody Island in the Paracels.

Official: Gunmen kill 3 in Herat province

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan official said gunmen killed at least three people in an attack in western Herat province.

Gen. Farhad, spokesman for the provincial governor in Herat, said the three victims include an employee of a voter registration center and two policemen.

A third policeman was wounded in the attack, which took place late Sunday night.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Meanwhile, a spokesman said the Taliban overran several villages on Monday in the district of Khoja Ghor in northern Takhar province, pushing back the local police. Sonatullah Timor said no casualties were reported.

Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban spokesman, claimed the attacks in Takhar.

Afghanistan, Pakistan renew push for peace

ISLAMABAD — Senior military and intelligence officials from Afghanistan and Pakistan have agreed to enhance efforts to ensure sustainable peace in the region.

The two sides reached the understanding at talks Sunday at the Pakistani army's headquarters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi.

The Afghan delegation was led by the national security adviser, Hanif Atmar, and also included the intelligence chief and other officials.

A military statement early Monday said Pakistan's army chief, Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, told the delegation that "we must begin with the trust that neither covets nor is inching of the other's territory nor is inching its land being used against the other."

From The Associated Press

WAR/MILITARY

Families recall disappearance of USS Scorpion

BY COURTNEY MABEUS
The (Norfolk, Va.) Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. — For years, Russ Fennick was wracked with guilt when people would apologize to him for the loss of a father he never knew.

Fennick was just 3 months old when Navy Seaman William R. Fennick left Norfolk on a routine deployment to the Mediterranean. He has seen his father only in photos since.

The elder Fennick was a fire control technician aboard the submarine USS Scorpion. Russ Fennick was 6 months old on May 27, 1968, when his mother, Eileen Bell, held him on a pier at Naval Station Norfolk and waited in driving rain, along with a couple of dozen other families, for their sailors to return. Hours passed. Families were sent home.

News broke on television that night: The Scorpion was missing.

No one truly knows what happened, but the families of the crew are acutely aware of the outcome: 99 members of the Navy's silent service never returned. A massive search along the sub's projected course in the eastern Atlantic ensued. On Oct. 31, 1968, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Thomas Moorer announced that the Scorpion had been found more than 400 miles southwest of the Azores in more than 10,000 feet of water.

In a private memorial Saturday at Naval Station Norfolk, families marked the anniversary of the submarine's disappearance. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson served as the keynote speaker. His father, Capt. William Richardson, who served on the Scorpion from 1962 through 1965, also attended.

This much is certain: The Scorpion was heard from on May 21,

1968, when Cmdr. Frances Slatery, the sub's skipper, sent a message indicating the boat's position south of the Azores and giving an anticipated return time of about 1 p.m. six days later. The Scorpion had been sent on a classified mission about the same time, according to news reports.

A seven-panel naval board of inquiry was convened to investigate. It pored over thousands of photos, looking for clues, but could not come up with a definitive answer.

"The certain cause of the loss of the Scorpion cannot be ascertained," the court's final report read, according to a Feb. 1, 1969, story in The Virginian-Pilot.

Documents declassified in 1984 after a request by The Pilot and the now-defunct Ledger-Star suggested that an accidental torpedo explosion could have caused the sub to sink, crushing its hull.

"The disappearance of USS Scorpion is one of the greatest non-wartime tragedies in our Navy's history," Navy spokeswoman Lt. Lauren Chatmas said in a statement earlier this week. "We remain deeply saddened by the loss of the 99 sailors, and we honor their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families. We remember and pay tribute to their courage, their service to our country and their commitment to duty."

The lack of an absolute reason for the Scorpion's sinking gave way to theorists who have suggested a variety of explanations, including that it was sunk by Russians in retaliation for the loss of one of its subs in the Pacific. Others have alleged Navy cover-ups.

Maryetta Nolan has been organizing the Scorpion memorials for decades. Her father, Chief Petty Officer Wally Bishop, was the chief of the boat on the sub. She has heard the stories and dis-

misses them.

"Nothing's going to change the circumstances," said Nolan, a captain in the Navy Reserve's nurse corps.

For her, the memorials are a chance to learn about the sailors who served with her father, who is forever etched in her memory as a hero.

"I love to hear the stories," she said.

This past weekend's events surrounding the Scorpion marked Fennick and his mother's first return to Norfolk since leaving. Before, they had connected with other Scorpion families through social media.

After the Scorpion's disappearance, Fennick's mother moved home to Wisconsin. She eventually remarried and moved to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where Fennick, 50, lives and plays in a blues-rock band called Sons of Legion. The band includes a couple of Navy veterans and a member of the National Guard. They often play concerts associated with veterans' events, Fennick said.

During Fennick's childhood, his family didn't talk much about the Scorpion; he just knew that his dad was a handsome guy, known for his sense of humor. Fennick said he began to open up after hearing his band members' stories and those of the veterans who attended his shows.

But it was the apologies, the "sorry for your losses," that both-erred him.

"It's hard to feel sorry for something that I never knew or never



U.S. NAVAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE COMMAND/AP

The USS Scorpion is seen in Claywall Harbor, Naples, Italy, on April 10, 1968. The Scorpion went missing 400 miles southwest of the Azores islands in the Atlantic Ocean on May 21, 1968.

had, because I was so young when it happened, so there was an emotional guilt to me all the time," Fennick said.

He hoped to book a mini-tour for the Sons of Legion to play for their way to Norfolk, but the logistics didn't work out.

Instead, he connected with Nolan, who suggested he write a song about the Scorpion.

Easier said than done, he first thought. He worried he'd pick the wrong words and upset others.

But then he heard a tune. He started thinking about "Brandywine," the Navy's code name for the sub, and the "words just started flowing, flowing."

"In 15 minutes, I had the majority of the song, majority of the lyrics written," he said.

The eight-minute song, a mournful tribute to the Scorpion and its crew, appears on the band's new record, "Back from Gone."

"I thought it was beautiful," Nolan said. "You could really feel the heartfelt sadness in it."

The song has helped ease some of Fennick's pain.

"I play bass guitar, so I can kind of pound on the strings a little harder and put a lot of emotion into playing it," he said.

The band played the song live for the first time in a Michigan bar this month to an audience that included Fennick's mother, who is now 70.

"It was rather emotional," Fennick said. "I kind of had to keep my head down and try to hide my tears while I was playing it."

Syria vows to fight rebels despite US warning

Associated Press

BEIRUT — A Syrian state-run newspaper said Monday that the government will keep fighting "terrorists" despite U.S. warnings against a new offensive against rebels in southern Daraa province, while Russia said Syrian troops should deploy in the country's southwest, near Israel.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Syrian troops should be positioned on the border with the Golan Heights, which have been occupied by Israel since the 1967 Mideast war. The area between Daraa and the Golan Heights has emerged as a flashpoint in a wider standoff between Israel and Iran, and the U.S. has warned it will take action to protect a cease-fire there.

The Al-Baath daily said in an editorial published Monday that the U.S. threat underscores the "dirty American role in the terrorist war" against Syria. It stressed that the Syrian army was determined to retake all parts of Syria.

The U.S., Russia, and Jordan agreed last year to include Daraa in a "de-escalation zone" and freeze the lines of conflict there. But the area has been tense following a series of recent Israeli strikes on Syrian and Iranian forces. Iran is a close ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, and its advisers are embedded with its troops.

Israel has warned it will not tolerate a permanent Iranian military presence in Syria. Earlier this month, it carried out a wave of airstrikes in response to what it said was an Iranian rocket attack on its positions in the Golan. It was the most serious confrontation between the regional archrivals to date.

Lavrov told reporters in Moscow that "the agreement on forming a de-escalation area in southwestern Syria envisaged the eventual withdrawal of all non-Syrian forces from this part of Syria."

He added that the Russian and U.S. militaries have maintained regular contact on the issue.

Esper: Army secretary advocates for 6-point list of modernization priorities

FROM FRONT PAGE

Trump nominated Esper in July, and the Senate confirmed him in November with an 89-6 vote. Like some of Trump's other Pentagon nominees, he joined the administration after working in the defense industry, a trend that some government watchdogs consider troubling. For the previous seven years, he was vice president for government relations at Raytheon, acting as a senior lobbyist.

Esper, a native of Uniontown, Pa., attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., graduating in 1986. He embarked on a 25-year military career that included time in the active-duty Army and the Virginia National Guard and a deployment during

the Persian Gulf War.

He has held several other jobs in government, including deputy assistant secretary of defense during the administration of President George W. Bush, national security adviser to then-Senator Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and a legislative director for then-Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb. He was chief of staff from 1996 to 1999 at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

As Army secretary, Esper is the senior civilian official in the service, overseeing such matters as weapons acquisition, personnel issues and the approval of awards for valor.

The secretary has been on the road recently since taking office, visiting soldiers

from South Korea to Germany. In recent days, he has advocated for a six-point list of modernization priorities that his service adopted in October before he took office. It includes investing in futuristic long-range ground fires such as hypersonic weapons, new combat vehicles, Army aircraft, communications equipment that can withstand cyberattacks, missile defense and boosting individual soldiers' combat abilities with better equipment.

Since 1995, the Army has spent more than \$32 billion on programs that were canceled early, an embarrassment that has prompted bipartisan concern and promises from senior Army officials to do better. Esper and the Army's top generals are hanging their

hopes for change on a new unit — Army Futures Command — that will be led by a four-star general. It will focus on making sure that the Army is realistic in what it requires from industry, and that military officials and defense contractors alike don't stray too far from initial plans after a contract is signed.

"One of the key challenges the military has faced — and the Army, in particular — is defining our requirements and keeping them stable," Esper said. "In the past ... we would take years to develop a set of requirements, and they would be so grandiose that they would be unachievable in the amount of money one would have, and the amount of time one would need."

NATION

Devastating flood again hits historic Md. town

Rescuers search for missing man in Ellicott City

BY DAVID MCFADDEN
Associated Press

ELlicott CITY, Md. — One man remained missing after flash flooding tore down historic Main Street in Ellicott City and left a community heartbroken at seeing severe damage less than two years after another devastating flood.

Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman said Monday morning that his priorities are finding the missing man and assessing the condition of buildings that house shops, restaurants and families.

"We're certainly making every effort to locate that individual," he said.

Howard County police identified him Monday as Severn resident Edison Hermon, 39, an active member of the Army National Guard. Hermon was reported missing to police about 12:30 a.m. Monday, but has not been seen since about 5:20 p.m. at the height of the flooding, when raging, brown waters rippled through the town.

The area remained blocked off Monday, even to residents and business owners, as Kittleman surveyed the debris.

"If you look at the devastation and the damage, I would certainly say it's worse than 2016," he said. "We've had areas that were not even damaged at all two years ago terribly damaged this time."

At a news conference Sunday night, Kittleman and Gov. Larry Hogan vowed to help people rebuild their lives again.

"We will be there for them as we were in 2016," Kittleman said.

Hogan promised "every bit of assistance we possibly can."

"They say this is a once every 1,000-year flood, and we've had two of them in two years," Hogan said.

Sunday's flooding swept away parked cars in the city, which sits along the west bank of the Patapsco River, about 13 miles west of Baltimore.

Jessica Ur, a server at Pure Wine Cafe on the city's Main Street, told The Baltimore Sun that she watched as gushing waters swept three or four parked cars down the street.

"It's significantly higher than it was before," she told the newspaper, comparing the floodwaters with those of 2016.

Mike Muccilli, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sterling, Va., said Sunday it was too early to make comparisons between the two floods. But he said both were devastating.

In the July 2016 storm, Ellicott City received 6.6 inches of rain over a two- to three-hour period. On Sunday, the community received nearly 8 inches of rain over a six-hour period, but most of it fell during an intense, three-hour period, Muccilli said.

"In a normal heavy rain event,



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Water rushes through Main Street in Ellicott City, Md., on Sunday. It was the second devastating flood experienced by the city in two years.

you wouldn't see this amount of flooding, where you see cars floating down the road," Muccilli said. "This was a true flash flood."

Some people reported hearing a blaring alarm during the flooding. Others said they gathered in the second story of a building and anxiously watched the seething waters.

One sight during the flood: a handmade, white flag hung from an upper story of a Main Street building bearing the letters SOS.

"If you are trapped, we are coming," the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services tweeted at one point.

Ellicott City has been rebuilding since the 2016 flooding damaged and destroyed businesses. Local officials recently said 96 percent of the businesses were back in operation and more than 20 new businesses had again opened in the Main Street area.

Just two weeks ago, Hogan announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency had awarded the state and county more than \$1 million to pay for projects aimed at reducing the flood risk in areas around Main Street.

Some are already asking whether enough was done after the last flood to prevent a similar catastrophe. Hogan said temporary improvements were in place and more things were in the works to reduce the community's vulnerabilities. But he said big changes take time, and no one expected such a huge flood so soon after 2016.



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Above: Rescue personnel walk along Main Street on Sunday. Right: A car that was swept into the riverbank rests just off the street.



DAVID MCFADDEN/AP

NATION

Alberto approaches Florida panhandle, maintains strength

By TAMARA LUSH
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Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Subtropical Storm Alberto gained an early jump on the 2018 hurricane season as it headed toward anticipated landfall sometime Monday on the northern Gulf Coast, where white sandy beaches emptied of their usual Memorial Day crowds.

Though the Atlantic hurricane season doesn't officially start until Friday, Alberto has become the first named storm this year, throwing disarray into long holiday weekend plans up and down Florida's Gulf Coast. Just as Memorial Day marked summer's unofficial start in the U.S., Alberto gave it the unofficial start of what forecasters recently predicted would be an active hurricane season.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said at 5 a.m. EDT Monday that Alberto was maintain-

ing its strength as it approached the Florida panhandle and was centered about 125 miles south of Destin. The storm, expected to make landfall later Monday, had maximum sustained winds of 65 mph.

"On the forecast track, the center of Alberto will move over the northern Gulf of Mexico overnight and cross the northern Gulf Coast in the warning area on Monday," the National Hurricane Center said Sunday. It warned of life-threatening surf conditions and the possibility of a few brief tornadoes in much of Florida and parts of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. It said heavy rains are expected in many areas.

Lifeguards posted red flags along the white sands of Pensacola Beach, where swimming and wading were banned amid high water and dangerous conditions. Gusty showers began lashing parts of Florida on Sunday, and authorities warned of the possibility of flash flooding. The hurricane center



Rain falls on Clearwater Beach, Fla., by Pier 60 early Sunday morning as northbound Subtropical Storm Alberto looms in the Gulf of Mexico to the southwest.

JIM DAMASKE, TAMPA (FLA.) BAY TIMES/AP

said a tropical storm warning was in effect from the Suwannee River in Florida to the Mississippi-Alabama state line.

The storm's approach also triggered mandatory evacuations of some small, sparsely populated Gulf Coast barrier islands in one Florida county. The Florida Division of Emergency Management said in a statement Sunday that a mandatory evacuation had been issued in Franklin County for all barrier islands there and those in the county living directly on the coast in mobile homes or in recreation vehicle parks.

A subtropical storm like Alberto has a less defined and cooler cen-

ter than a tropical storm, and its strongest winds are found farther from its center. Subtropical storms can develop into tropical storms, which in turn can strengthen into hurricanes. Forecasters cautioned that heavy rain and tropical storm conditions could reach the northern Gulf Coast well ahead of the center of Alberto making landfall.

The storm prompted Florida, Alabama and Mississippi to launch emergency preparations over the weekend amid expectations Alberto would reach land sometime Monday. Rough conditions were expected to roil the seas off the eastern and northern Gulf Coast region through Tuesday.

Mark Bowen, the Bay County Emergency management director, said at a Sunday afternoon news conference that the concern isn't with storm surge due to the timing of landfall and the tides. He said Alberto's biggest threat would be its heavy rains, with forecasts of anywhere from 4 to 12 inches of rain in some areas.

In Miami, organizers called off the sea portion of the Miami Beach Air & Sea Show on Sunday because of heavy rain and rough waters.

In the Tampa Bay area on the central Gulf Coast, cities offered sandbags for homeowners worried about floods.

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NATION

Lawmaker: 'Throw the bums out' of Congress

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee on Sunday called on voters to "throw the bums out" of Congress whom he has accused of trying to help President Donald Trump undermine the special counsel's Russia probe.

"The only thing that makes this possible is a Congress that is complicit," Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said on ABC News' "This Week," naming several conservative leaders in the Republican Party and accusing a "weak" Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., of refusing to "stand up for the independence of the Justice Department."

"As long as there's a majority in Congress that is willing to do this president's will, and as long as we have a deeply unethical president, there's only one remedy," Schiff said.

Schiff's words came at the end of a week that pitted the White House against the Justice Department and left Republicans divided over concerns about the role that retired American professor and

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FBI source Stefan Halper played in the Russia investigation. They are also a clear sign that as Trump takes to Twitter to peddle his "spy" claims, top Democrats are eyeing the 2018 midterm elections as crucial not just for taking back the House of Representatives but for defending the federal law enforcement agencies from what Schiff called a "pattern" of attacks.

Top law enforcement and intelligence community officials held back-to-back briefings with lawmakers on Thursday after House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, R-Calif., threatened to hold officials in contempt if documents related to Halper were not turned over to Congress. But Democrats objected vehemently to White House lawyer Emmet Flood

showing up for part of the closed-door meeting. Flood, Schiff said, "had no business being there."

"The whole purpose of this meeting had nothing to do with congressional oversight," the Democrat said. "It was to help the president's defense by getting information improperly from the Justice Department to feed to the president's lawyers."

He pointed to Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, who said Friday that the White House wanted a separate Justice Department briefing about the confidential informant. Giuliani doubled down on that demand in an appearance on "Fox News Sunday."

"I think the White House has every right to know," he said. "It should be very easy to brief us."

Giuliani added that he no longer sees special counsel Robert Mueller's probe as legitimate.

"Not anymore, I don't," he said. "I did when I came in, but now I see 'Spygate.'

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., the leader of the House Freedom Caucus, also suggested Sunday in an appearance on CBS News' "Face the Nation" that House Republicans would not relent in their quest to see the documents related to Halper and are "hopeful that will happen in the coming days."

"There is no question that there was a spy who was collecting information," Meadows said. "At what point do we as Americans say it is not right to spy on a campaign?"

But not all Republicans are convinced that Nunes, Meadows and

other GOP lawmakers are on a legitimate quest.

"I have seen no evidence that those people were part of an investigation on the campaign," Senate Intelligence Committee member Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said Sunday on "This Week," calling the contacts Halper made with Trump campaign advisers such as George Papadopoulos and Carter Page "appropriate, if that's all that happened."

"As far as what I have seen to date, it appears there was an investigation not of the campaign but of certain individuals that have a history we should be suspicious of," Rubio said — though he added that "if there is an FBI informant or any form of inappropriate action that's been targeting political campaign ... we want to know about it, and it should be punished."

Schiff, appearing later in the show, dismissed Rubio's comment as "part of the propaganda machine."

"Let's spread a completely fallacious story and then let's say that it needs to be investigated and give it a life of its own," Schiff said.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Former President George H.W. Bush arrives for an NFL game in Houston in November between the Texans and the Indianapolis Colts.

Bush hospitalized in Maine

Associated Press

BIDDEFORD, Maine — Former President George H.W. Bush was hospitalized Sunday in Maine after he experienced low blood pressure and fatigue, a spokesman said.

Just after 2 p.m., Jim McGrath, a spokesman for Bush, 93, said he was awake, alert and not in any discomfort. He said Bush would spend at least a few days in the hospital for observation.

Bush was taken to Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford.

Bush arrived in Maine for the summer on May 20. With the hospitalization coming about a month after the death of his wife of 73 years, Barbara, the family said the 41st president was eager to return to the family compound

on Walker's Point. He has visited every summer since childhood, the only exception being the years of his World War II service.

On Saturday, Bush attended a pancake breakfast at an American Legion post in Kennebunkport. He had been scheduled to attend a Memorial Day parade in the town Monday.

Bush, who has a form of Parkinson's disease and a history of pneumonia and other infections, was hospitalized in Houston on April 22, the day after his wife's funeral, for an infection. He remained hospitalized for 13 days.

Bush uses a wheelchair and an electric scooter for mobility. He has been hospitalized several times in recent years for respiratory problems.

Judge's ruling on Trump Twitter blocking has larger implications

BY ALEXANDRA VILLARREAL
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Associated Press

President Donald Trump can do many things on Twitter. He can call a former FBI director "slippery" and a former president "cheatin'." He can spontaneously SWITCH TO ALL CAPS and claim media organizations are "fake news." But there's one thing a federal judge says Trump can't do: block users because of dissenting political opinions.

U.S. District Judge Neomi Reice Buchwald in New York ruled Wednesday that Trump violates the First Amendment when he blocks critics on Twitter. The decision is the most prominent among a string of similar cases against public officials and could mark a turning point for constituents who interact with government employees on social media.

"The First Amendment is designed to encourage the greatest amount of freedom in communicating with public officials of all kinds, and that's why this is such an important decision — because it sends a message to all politicians," said Chris Finan, executive director of the National Coalition Against Censorship.

Kerri Kupec, a spokeswoman for the Department of Justice, said in an email after the ruling,

"We respectfully disagree with the court's decision and are considering our next steps."

Though the ruling stopped short of ordering Trump to unblock users, it made clear that people have a right to reply directly to politicians' accounts when they are being used as public forums to conduct official business.

But though the courts may be striking up a conversation about what an official's online presence means for free speech, tech companies are unlikely to take sides.

Trump has blocked both celebrities — including author Stephen King and model Chrissy Teigen — and lesser-known social media users.

The case decided last week was brought by the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University on behalf of seven critics of Trump who his account blocked.

When someone like Trump blocks people, it prevents them from seeing his feed and replying to his tweets. It's also possible for Trump to mute accounts, after which he would simply no longer see tweets and replies from those accounts — an action that some say has fewer First Amendment implications.

Trump is far from the only public official who has blocked opponents. After filing a public records

request with 22 federal agencies and all 50 U.S. governors last year, news organization ProPublica found the offices that responded had blocked 1,298 social media accounts.

When a Virginia official blocked one Facebook user for 12 hours, a federal judge ruled the move was unconstitutional. The case is under appeal in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In Kentucky, a federal judge denied a preliminary injunction to stop the governor from blocking constituents on Twitter and Facebook. A case in Maryland settled when Republican Gov. Larry Hogan agreed to adopt a new social media policy that would not discriminate against commenters' viewpoints after he blocked several critics.

Though last week's ruling puts officials using social media for policymaking on notice that they can't block people who disagree with them, attorneys said it leaves room to bar commenters who are inhibiting productive yet.

Jameel Jaffer, the Knight Institute's executive director, said none of the people his group represents has been unblocked yet.

Twitter probably won't intervene, as social media juggernauts have kept out of the issue. The tech company did not respond to requests for comment.



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NATION

Lava covers well at Hawaii geothermal plant

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Lava from the Kilauea volcano covered at least one well Sunday at a geothermal plant on the Big Island, according to a Hawaii County Civil Defense report.

The well was successfully plugged in anticipation of the lava flow, and a second well 100 feet away also has been secured, according to the report. The plugs protect against the release of gas that could turn toxic when mixed with lava.

The lava breached the property overnight. David Mace, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the flow started about 200 yards away from the nearest well. But he said safety precautions went into effect before the breach.

"I think it's safe to say authorities have been concerned about the flow of lava onto the plant property since the eruption started," he said.

Puna Geothermal, owned by Nevada's Ormat Technologies, was shut down shortly after Kilauea began spewing lava May



GEORGE F. LEE, THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER/AP

Residents, the media and National Guard members flock Saturday to what is now the end of Leilani Avenue to take in the fiery show at fissures 2, 7 and 8 of the Kilauea volcano near Pahoa.

3. The plant harnesses heat and steam from the Earth's core to spin turbines to generate power.

A flammable gas called pentane is used as part of the process, though officials earlier this month

removed 50,000 gallons of the gas from the plant to reduce the chance of explosions. They also

Besides lava and ash, Hawaii volcano is pumping out 'vog'

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Kilauea volcano on Hawaii's Big Island has had it all during the past three weeks: molten rock shooting toward the sky, lava oozing from the ground and ash clouds rising miles into the air.

You can also add "vog" to the mix.

Scientists say higher sulfur dioxide emissions recorded at the volcano's vents in recent days are creating the potential for heavier-than-usual vog, or volcanic smog. So far, trade winds have been mostly blowing the gray haze offshore.

■ What is vog? Volcanic smog, or air pollution, is created by vapor, carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide gas released from Kilauea. It reacts in the atmosphere with oxygen, sunlight, moisture and other gases and particles. In a matter of hours or days, it converts to fine particles that scatter sunlight, creating a haze that can be seen downwind of Kilauea, according to The Interagency Vog Dashboard, which is made up of Hawaii, U.S. and international agencies.

The U.S. Geological Survey said sulfur dioxide emissions from the volcano have more than doubled since the current eruption began.

Kilauea was belching 15,000 tons of the gas each day, up from 6,000 tons daily prior to the May 3 eruption. People living miles from the eruption are paying attention to the amount of noxious fumes pouring out of the volcano because it creates pollution for more vog.

■ What are the health impacts? "Everyone is having symptoms now on some level," said Dr. Josh Green, a state senator and emergency room physician who has been volunteering in communities where lava fissures have opened in neighborhoods.

Symptoms for generally healthy people can include burning eyes, headaches and



Retired photojournalist Chris Stewart said vog intensifies the colors of a sunset.

sore throats. But those with asthma or other respiratory problems can end up hospitalized.

Those who are healthy, physically active and don't smoke usually can tolerate basic symptoms, Green said, adding that hospitals are seeing more patients with difficulty breathing.

Green's mother, Natasha Green, who lives on the Kona side of the island, said the vog was particularly bad on Tuesday. "It makes it very hard to breathe," she said, adding that her other symptoms include coughing and watery and stinging eyes.

She's had to use an inhaler, which she doesn't need when there isn't vog. She's a former smoker, "so that's probably part of the problem," she said.

■ Who is affected? Vog can affect areas far from the volcano, including the western side of the Big Island and even other islands.

But lately, trade winds have been blowing most of the vog offshore. The National Weather Service said it expected trade winds to slow this past weekend, creating hazardous air quality.

With trade winds, communities where lava fissures have opened and those downwind are the most affected.

Kilauea is erupting on Hawaii's largest



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY CHRIS STEWART/AP

The sun sets Wednesday through "vog," or volcanic smog, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

island, so there are plenty of areas that aren't suffering from the effects of vog.

"My phone's been ringing off the hook," said Steven Businger, chairman of the University of Hawaii's atmospheric sciences department. "A little old lady out of Minnesota wants to know if she should cancel her vacation — that kind of thing."

He told her not to cancel because the vog was blowing away from her planned destination, the Big Island resort town of Waikoloa.

Businger also runs the Vog Measurement and Prediction Project. The website provides current vog conditions for various sites around the Big Island.

■ Is the vog worse now? With an increase in emissions, there's more vog, said Lisa Young, environmental health specialist for the state health department's Clean Air Branch.

Bruce Corker, a Kona coffee farmer, has noticed. When he looks down from his

capped the 11 wells at the property to try to prevent a breach.

Before the lava reached the well, plant spokesman Mike Kaleikini told the news agency Hawaii News Now that there was no indication of the release of the poisonous gas hydrogen sulfide — the greatest fear should lava hit the wells.

"As long as conditions are safe, we will have personnel on site," Kaleikini said. "Primary concern is sulfur dioxide from the eruption and lava coming on site. We monitor for hydrogen sulfide and sulfur dioxide on a continuous basis."

Steve Brantley, of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, said the flow seemed to have halted Sunday morning before it picked back up and covered the well at the plant, which lies on the southeastern flank of the volcano, now, nestled between residential neighborhoods.

Lava-filled fissures have torn apart chunks of the southeastern side of the Big Island during the past three weeks as Kilauea has become more active.

■ What else? Retired photojournalist Chris Stewart said there's one good thing about vog: It intensifies the colors of a sunset.

farm at Kailua Bay, it's hard to make out the water because it's the same gray color as the sky.

"For me, it's just visual," he said. "I don't feel any effects on my lungs. I don't smell anything."

Corker, who grew up in Southern California, compares vog to "Los Angeles-like smog."

■ What else? Retired photojournalist Chris Stewart said there's one good thing about vog: It intensifies the colors of a sunset.

But it depends on how thick the haze is. "Some days it's thin enough you can see the sun passing through," he said. "But other days we just go inside because we can't see it at all."

Stewart said he's grateful to be living on the Big Island's west side — away from the volcano.

"I almost feel guilty enjoying our sunsets," he said.

WORLD



ARMANDO FRANCA/AP

People stand on the steps of the Portuguese parliament building in Lisbon during a protest against euthanasia. Lawmakers will decide Tuesday whether to allow euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide.

Portuguese lawmakers to decide on allowing euthanasia, assisted suicide

By BARRY HATTON
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — After legalizing abortion and same-sex marriage in recent times, Portuguese lawmakers will decide Tuesday on another issue that has brought a confrontation between faith and politics in this predominantly Catholic country: whether to allow euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide.

The outcome of the vote is uncertain and likely to be close, but Portugal could permit euthanasia under certain circumstances.

Euthanasia — when a doctor kills patients at their request — is legal in Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. In Switzerland, and some U.S. states, assisted suicide — in which patients administer the drug themselves under medical supervision — is permitted.

A series of left-leaning governments determined to bring about what they call a "modernization" of the country, as well as the Catholic Church's waning influence, have opened the door to deep cultural changes in Portugal. That trend has included permitting abortion on demand in 2007 and same-sex

marriage three years later.

A 2016 petition pushed the contentious and divisive issue of euthanasia onto the political agenda. It got more than 8,000 signatures — more than double the amount needed to force a parliamentary debate last year.

The petition said allowing euthanasia would be "a concrete expression of an individual's rights to autonomy, to religious freedom and freedom of conscience, which are rights enshrined in the Constitution."

In response, a petition by the Portuguese Federation for Life collected more than 14,000 signatures and told lawmakers that the country and the state have a duty to protect human life.

Now, four left-leaning political parties — the governing center-left Socialist Party, the radical Left Bloc, the Green Party and the People, Animals, Nature party — have tabled bills proposing euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide. Inciting or assisting euthanasia is currently punishable by up to three years in prison.

The Socialist government's bill has the best chance of success, having the most lawmakers of the parties proposing legislation,

though there is little difference between the four parties' proposals.

The Socialist bill covers patients who are "in a situation of extreme suffering, with an untreatable injury or a fatal and incurable disease." Two doctors, at least one of them a specialist in the relevant illness, and a psychiatrist must sign off on the request to die. The case then goes to a Verification and Evaluation Committee, which can approve or deny the procedure.

The process is postponed if it is legally challenged, or if the patient loses consciousness, and doctors can refuse to perform the procedure on moral grounds.

To discourage people from traveling to Portugal to end their life, the bills all stipulate that patients must either be Portuguese citizens or legal residents.

The four bills are going to a Tuesday afternoon debate in the Republican Assembly, Portugal's parliament.

The proposed legislation's fate depends largely on how many lawmakers with the center-right Social Democratic Party choose to support it. The party has no official stance on euthanasia and is allowing its lawmakers to vote according to their conscience.

French president rewards migrant who saved child

By SYLVIE CORBET
Associated Press

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron met Monday with a migrant from Mali lauded as a hero for scaling an apartment building to save a young child dangling from a balcony. Macron said Mamoudou Gassama, 22, would be rewarded with papers to legalize his stay, citizenship if he wants and a job as a firefighter.

Gassama's feat went viral on social media, where he has been dubbed "Spiderman" for climbing up five floors, from balcony to balcony, and whisking a 4-year-old boy to safety Saturday as a crowd screamed from the sidewalk in Paris' northern 18th district.

The young man said he has passed through the nation's approach to immigration, and stressed that not all who make the journey to Europe can be welcomed but that Gassama's actions were admirable.

Working as a firefighter corps responds with his skills, Macron said, and opened the door for him to join.

"You have become an example because millions have seen you" on social media, Macron said.

The French media reported the father of the child was detained for alleged parental neglect.



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French President Emmanuel Macron, left, meets with Mamoudou Gassama, from Mali, at the presidential Elysee Palace in Paris on Monday. Gassama scaled an apartment building to save a 4-year-old child dangling from a fifth-floor balcony.

Italian president taps economist to lead nation to new election amid political turmoil

Associated Press

ROME — Amid growing political turmoil, economist Carlo Cottarelli was tapped on Monday to lead Italy to early elections, possibly as soon as after the summer, after populist parties failed to convince the president their Cabinet picks wouldn't destroy international investors' faith in the country.

A former International Monetary Fund official and a specialist in budget slashing, Cottarelli told reporters at the presidential Quirinal Palace that he had accepted President Sergio Mattarella's request to form a government "that will bring the country to new elections."

Inconclusive March 4 elections left the country facing what has proved to be an intractable political impasse. Bond markets suggested investors are becoming more cautious about lending to Italy.

Cottarelli expressed hope his appointment could calm the markets.

But with the prospect of anti-euro political sentiment suddenly gaining traction in Italy, and another election approaching, markets remained on edge.

Weeks ago, an exasperated Mattarella told the nation that if Italy's squabbling parties failed to join forces for Italians' common good and forge a viable coalition, he would tap a technocrat, an expert not directly af-

filiated to political parties, to take the country to elections by year's end.

That is what ultimately happened after Mattarella on Sunday night refused to approve the populists' choice of an economy minister who has raised the specter of Italy having to someday exit from the euro.

The 5-Star Movement and the right-wing League, the Eurosceptic parties that were thwarted in their bid to give Italy its first populist government, have vowed to give Cottarelli the thumbs down in required confidence votes in Parliament.

A government led by Cottarelli "is born dead," said 5-Star proponent Manlio Di Stefano. "It makes no sense to speak about it in

a serious way."

Mattarella's veto enraged both the 5-Stars' Luigi Di Maio, who threatened to start impeachment proceedings against him, and League leader Matteo Salvini, who had essentially issued the president an ultimatum over his economy minister candidate: Approve him or the coalition implodes, and the turnround becomes campaign fodder.

Cottarelli said that should his proposed Cabinet be confirmed, he would ensure the official budget is approved. The budget must be approved by December.

After that, Mattarella would dissolve Parliament and set elections for 2019, Cottarelli said.

WORLD

Another Ebola fatality in Congo brings total to 12

BY SALEM MWANAMILONGO
Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo — Another person has died in Congo of a confirmed case of Ebola, bringing the number of fatalities from the latest outbreak to 12, the country's health ministry said Sunday.

The death happened in Iboko, a rural area in northwestern Equateur province, the health ministry said in a statement. There are also four new suspected cases in the province, the statement reported.

Congo now has 35 confirmed Ebola cases. Health workers have identified people who have been in contact with the patients in the confirmed Ebola cases in three areas in Equateur province — Iboko, rural Bikoro and Mbandaka, the provincial capital of 1.2 million that is a transport hub on the Congo River.

Congolese Health Minister Oly Ilunga Kalenga flew by helicopter to Bikoro and Iboko on Saturday to see the deployment of health workers who will be tracing people who have been in contact with Ebola cases and inoculating them with an experimental vaccine. The vaccination campaign in the two rural areas was set to begin Monday.

Representatives of the World Health Organization and UNICEF accompanied the health minister.

The vaccination campaign is already underway in Mbandaka, where four Ebola cases have been confirmed. About 100 health workers have been vaccinated there as front-line workers face high risk from the virus, which is spread via contact with the bodily fluids of those infected, including the dead.

The next few weeks are crucial in determining whether the outbreak announced in May can be brought under control, according to the World Health Organization.

Complicating factors include its spread to a major city, that health workers are among those infected and the existence of three or four "separate epicenters," making finding and monitoring the contacts of infected people more difficult.

WHO is using a "ring vaccination" approach, targeting the contacts of people infected or suspected of infection and then the contacts of those people. More than 600 contacts have been identified.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus WHO director-general

WHO also is accelerating efforts with nine neighboring countries to try to prevent the Ebola outbreak from spreading there, saying the regional risk is high. It has warned against international travel.

"I am personally committed to ensuring that we do everything we can to stop this outbreak as soon as possible," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a meeting in Geneva on Saturday.

This is Congo's ninth Ebola outbreak since 1976, when the hemorrhagic fever was first identified.

There is no specific treatment for Ebola. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain and, at times, internal and external bleeding. The virus can be fatal in up to 90 percent of cases, depending on the strain.



HASAN AMMAR/AP

Elias, 24, who goes by the stage name Melanie Coxx, trains at his home before performing in a May 13 drag queen show during Beirut Pride week in Tabarja, Lebanon.

Lebanon LGBT scene makes gains despite backlash from conservatives

BY SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

BEIRUT — It took him more than two months to prepare, coming up with the concept, assembling his outfit and rehearsing. Then on the big night, a five-hour session putting on makeup. The very last step: He slid on the red lace gloves with 4-inch red fingernails that he had specially ordered from the United States.

Elias was transformed into Melanie Coxx. She was ready for her most important show: the largest drag ball in Lebanon.

Because this is Lebanon, where homosexuality and dressing as the opposite gender are against the law, he sat in the back of his mother's car with darkened windows, a scarf over his head, for the drive from his home just outside Beirut to the club.

That didn't unnerve Coxx. Elias said his character, inspired by transgender actress and activist Laverne Cox, is "fearless."

"She is the person that makes me more alive, more powerful," Elias said. "When I put everything on ... I take the courage (from her). (She is) guiding me to go out and just perform."

Elias has come a long way. His journey was full of rejec-

tion, protest and, finally, limited acceptance. His larger family still shuns him, and he has lost a few friends. But his mother and father came to accept him, and Elias has been openly gay for six years. Last year, he had his first drag show. Still, he asked that his last name not be published out of concern for his safety.

Lebanon's LGBT community has had a similar journey. For over a decade, it has focused on activism to combat discrimination and abuse, making startling gains and even opening some space in the mainstream.

The community is the most vibrant and open in the Arab world.

But there is a constant dance between authorities and the community over lines and limits. Last week, it appeared to be a step too far when Pride celebrations were held in Beirut.

The widely advertised events came just before the start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. After a few events were held, including the drag ball, authorities reacted.

Organizer Hadi Damien was briefly detained. Authorities forced him to sign a pledge not to convene the remaining events or face prosecution for promoting debauchery and violating public morality. As a result, some pub-

lic parties and events were canceled. Other more low-key events went on, including workshops and readings, though under a cloud of fear of police raids.

Still, "we are moving forward, not backward," said Georges Azzi, a founding member of Lebanon's Helem, the region's first LGBT advocacy group.

"There is a feeling that we are getting stronger, and there is a backlash from the conservative organizations," he said.

The crackdown reignited long-running debates within Lebanon's LGBT community between those who want to celebrate Pride and those who say the focus is still needed on activism and protest to force change.

Since 2005, activists have commemorated the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia on May 17, mostly with protests, readings, workshops and cultural events. But the exuberant, highly public approach of the Pride celebrations seems to have drawn authorities' ire, said Azzi. Last year, there was an attempt to hold a Pride Week, the first ever in an Arab city, but authorities forced some of its events to be called off, including a street parade.

New Zealand to slaughter about 150K cows to end bacterial disease

BY NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — New Zealand plans to slaughter about 150,000 cows as it tries to eradicate a strain of disease-causing bacteria from the national herd.

Politicians and industry leaders announced the ambitious plan Monday. They say it will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, and, if successful, would be the first time an infected country has eliminated Mycoplasma bovis.

Farming is vital to the economy in New Zealand, whose isolation has helped protect it from

some diseases that affect herds elsewhere.

Last July, Mycoplasma bovis was found in the country for the first time. Discovered in Europe and the U.S., the bacteria can cause cows to develop mastitis, pneumonia, arthritis and other diseases. They are not considered a threat to food safety but do cause production losses.

Officials say they plan to kill all cows on any farms where the bacteria are found, even if some of the animals are healthy. They say many of the cows will be slaughtered at processing plants and used for beef, but some cows will have to be killed and buried on

the farms or dumped in approved landfills.

Officials have the legal authority to forcibly enter farms and kill animals, even in cases where a farmer might resist, but they said they hope they don't have to use those powers.

Katie Milne, the national president of the advocacy group Federated Farmers, said it was important to try to get rid of Mycoplasma bovis while there was still a chance. She said they would try to make sure affected farmers had all the support they needed, including adequate compensation.

"This is a tough time, and the pain and anguish they're going to

go through is really hideous," she said of the affected farmers. "And we have to support them as neighbors, community members, farmers, friends."

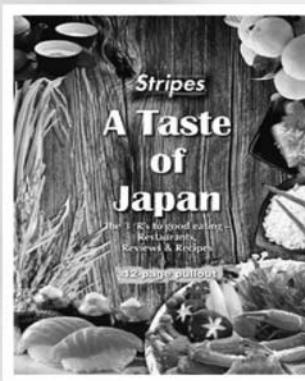
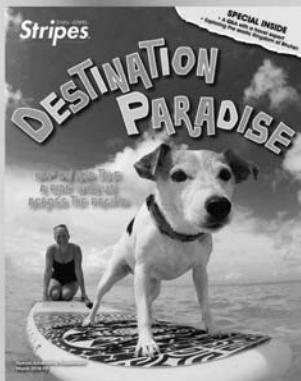
New Zealand is home to some 10 million cows, about double its human population. Approximately two-thirds are dairy cows, and the rest are beef cattle. Milk products represent the country's largest export.

Mycoplasma bovis has so far been found on 38 farms throughout New Zealand, officials say, a number they expect to rise to at least 142 farms based on computer modeling. They say all the infections found so far can be

traced back to a single farm, and that the bacteria likely arrived in New Zealand 18 months before they were first identified. Officials are still trying to figure out how the bacteria got into the country despite strict biosecurity controls.

About 24,000 cows have already been killed in recent months, and at least 128,000 more will have to be culled, most over the next year or two. The cost of the eradication program is estimated at 886 million New Zealand dollars, or \$616 million, over 10 years. The government plans to pick up about two-thirds of the tab, while farmers and the cattle industry will pay the rest.

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BY GUS BIGGIO
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"I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have never fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, for vengeance, for desolation. War is hell."

— William Tecumseh Sherman

We choose to serve. And when we choose to serve, sometimes chance chooses us. Every deployed servicemember leaves behind someone who cares, someone who, when giving one last hug before their warrior ships out, feels their pride clash with the fear that this last hug might be the last hug. After that, every call from an unknown number, every unexpected knock on the door, reignites the constant worry in the daily lives of those on the home front, making them shudder at the prospect of what might be.

When an American servicemember is killed overseas, a casualty assistance officer, or CAO, tries to reach the family in the morning, in the relative privacy of their home, rather than making a call to an office or lingering in the neighborhood, waiting for a spouse or parent to come home.

The families might hear the closing thud of car doors — CAOs always travel in pairs — and then see two servicemembers in dress uniforms approaching their door. Some greet the CAOs on their doorstep, knowing there is only one reason anybody wearing that uniform would be visiting.

Others slam the door in the officers' faces or even forcefully confront them. It takes a resolute heart, edged with compassion, to ask:

"Are you —?"

Some have tears welling in their eyes; some stand with stoic poise; others are in dumbstruck shock; but when they reply "Yes," the next words deliver the crushing news: "We regret to inform you that ..." They hear the name and the word "killed," but everything else comes as a blur.

Thousands of miles away, others prepare for the homecoming. Packed in ice in an airtight aluminum casket, with an American flag draped and secured on top, the blue star field at the head, the fallen warrior is carried onto an awaiting plane. Others stand at attention, saluting when their brother or sister in arms passes them a final time. When the plane arrives at a U.S. Air Force base, the awaiting family is given some moments alone with their loved one before the journey to a final resting place begins.

For some, that place is a small plot in their hometown. Others go to one of the national cemeteries. The most famous is Arlington, across the river from our nation's capital, where thousands of our nation's heroes are buried. They lie under symmetrically sculpted headstones, simply engraved and aligned with those of the others resting there, who were buried after a somber and precise ceremony.

The family is seated, and a horse-drawn caisson brings the coffin to the gravesite. Other soldiers, sailors, airmen or Marines march with the carriage, keeping in step

with the quiet cadence murmured by a noncommissioned officer. At the gravesite, pallbearers lift the casket from the caisson and carry it to a platform. A chaplain reads a prayer; friends make tear-choked speeches, and behind the crowd a team raises their rifles, firing into the air three times. The sudden crack of rounds jolts the senses of the mourners. Taps is played while the flag that was draped over the casket is tightly folded and handed to an officer or senior NCO, who approaches a spouse, a parent or a child, kneels, and says, "On behalf of the president of the United States ... and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's honorable and faithful service."

In an era when military service is the exception rather than the norm, the deaths of our servicemembers in combat is often a concept as distant as the lands where they fought. Local newspapers may run an article about the hometown hero, but usually, little attention is paid to a life cut short in service to our nation, the loss drowned out among news of celebrity gossip, political shenanigans or the other minutiae that consume our lives. The families of those killed in action are soon left to face their grief as well as they can, often alone. For them, the ceremonies honoring their loved ones are a stark reminder that one of the constant realities of war throughout history is that bad things will happen to good people.

This Memorial Day, take a moment to honor and remember them.

Gus Biggio served as a Marine in Afghanistan in 2009.

They were immigrants – and American heroes

BY DAVID VON DREHLE
The Washington Post

Before the burgers and beer, let's take a few minutes to think about what it is that Memorial Day commemorates.

Matej Kocak arrived in the United States in 1906 from what is now Slovakia. The strapping young man of 23 made his way to Pittsburgh, where thousands of immigrants were making new lives in the glow of steel forges on the banks of the Monongahela.

But steelwork was not for Kocak. Instead, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and, after more than a decade of honorable service, shipped out for the bloodbath now known as World War I. Cpl. Kocak arrived at the French harbor of Saint-Nazaire on New Year's Eve 1917.

Promoted to sergeant six months later, Kocak led a group of Marines through heavy woods on the first day of the Battle of Soissons, July 18, 1918. When a storm of bullets erupted from a hidden German machine-gun nest, Kocak charged forward, flanked the position, then attacked with his bayonet, driving off the frightened enemy. A short time later, in the chaos of a battle that would leave nearly 90,000 men dead on both sides, Kocak rallied some two dozen leaderless French troops to attack and silence another enemy machine gun.

For his heroics in this critical engagement, Sgt. Kocak was awarded the Medal of Honor — posthumously, for by the time the citation was processed, he lay buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, killed in action on Oct. 4, 1918.

Macario Garcia was a boy of 3 when his parents moved their large family across the Rio Grande from Mexico to work in the fields of south Texas. That's where the draft board found him, 19 years later, in 1942.

Wounded in the Normandy invasion,

they remind us of a simple but precious truth — one we owe it to them to remember. The American story is not told on birth certificates. It's written on hearts.

Garcia recovered in time to rejoin the 22nd Infantry Regiment for its advance through the Hürtgen Forest — some of the most ferocious fighting of the war in Europe. On Nov. 27, 1944, acting squad leader Garcia led his men up a hill toward entrenched German positions. When the first machine guns opened up amid a rain of mortar fire, Garcia ignored severe wounds to his shoulder and ankle to drag himself toward the nest. When he destroyed that position, a second German gunner began firing. Once again, Garcia attacked, silencing the gun and taking four enemy prisoners. Even then, he refused to be carried from the battlefield until he knew the hill had been taken.

At a White House ceremony in 1945, Staff Sgt. Garcia became the first Mexican-born soldier to receive the Medal of Honor. A month later, he was denied service at a segregated restaurant south of Houston, and when he refused to leave the premises, the owner beat him with a baseball bat.

Leslie Sabo was a political refugee whose family fled the Soviet takeover of Hungary to settle in western Pennsylvania. Drafted into the Army at 21, Spc. Sabo entered Cambodia in 1970 as part of an infantry company assigned to disrupt the supply line known as the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

On May 10 of that year — the fifth day of heavy fighting — Sabo's platoon was am-

bushed by North Vietnamese troops near the village of Se San. Fighting desperately to avoid being surrounded, Sabo saw a grenade fall near a wounded comrade. Throwing himself over his friend, he absorbed the blast, then staggered forward despite his wounds to take out the enemy soldiers who had thrown the missile.

As daylight waned, Sabo fought on to protect a landing zone for a helicopter evacuation. But when the birds arrived, rather than climb aboard he provided covering fire until he ran out of ammunition. Hit multiple times while reloading, Sabo crawled toward the enemy to drop a final grenade.

The Medal of Honor was presented to Sgt. Sabo's widow 42 years after his death — a delay caused by lost paperwork in a war marked by bureaucratic bungling.

Florent Groberg is the son of a French-Algerian mother who brought him to the United States when he was 11. A talented runner, Groberg competed in track and cross-country for the University of Maryland before completing the U.S. Army's Officer Candidate School.

On Aug. 8, 2012, during his second deployment to Afghanistan, Capt. Groberg was part of a security detail protecting high-ranking American officials. He saved multiple lives that morning by spotting and tackling a suicide bomber. When the enemy detonated his vest, Groberg was badly wounded; for his valor he earned the nation's highest decoration.

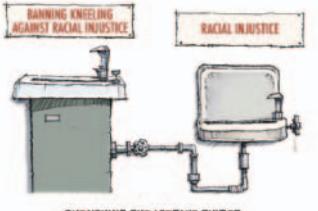
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The American story is not told on birth certificates. It's written on hearts.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Vintage game to be played at Homestead

CT COVENTRY — Two periods of American history will come together next month during an unusual baseball doubleheader in Connecticut.

The Nathan Hale Homestead is hosting the vintage baseball exhibition June 30.

The Bouckville Summits and the Providence Grays, two teams from the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League, will play in a field at the birthplace of the Revolutionary War spy.

The rules and equipment will be authentic to those used in 1864.

Sponsors say it will be a "gentlemen's game," with cursing resulting in a 25-cent fine and an apology to the spectators.

Residents get creative with road signs

ME AUGUSTA — Motorists traveling around Maine over the holiday weekend saw residents' creativity on display.

Message boards warned motorists that "A Cold Suppah Is Bettah Than A Hot Ticket." Another one said, "Spend Money on Lobstahs — Not Speeding Tickets." Yet another said, "Put Down UR Cell — Or You May End Up In One."

They were part of a contest run by the Maine Department of Transportation.

People were asked to come up with clever messages, and six winners were selected out of nearly 2,000 entries. They'll be displayed for the next few weeks.

Department seeks owners of medals

PA HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Treasury Department hopes rightful owners will come forward to claim more than 500 military medals that have ended up in its possession.

Democratic Treasurer Joe Torsella said some were reported to his agency as unclaimed property.

Seven of the medals, including three Purple Hearts, were recently turned over to the proper veterans or their families.

At least 12 of the medals the department currently has are Purple Hearts. The rest are various honors related to military service.

Gravestones defaced with swastikas cleaned

IL GLEN CARBON — A manager at a southwestern Illinois cemetery said most of the gravestones spray-painted with swastikas have been cleaned as families visited on Memorial Day.

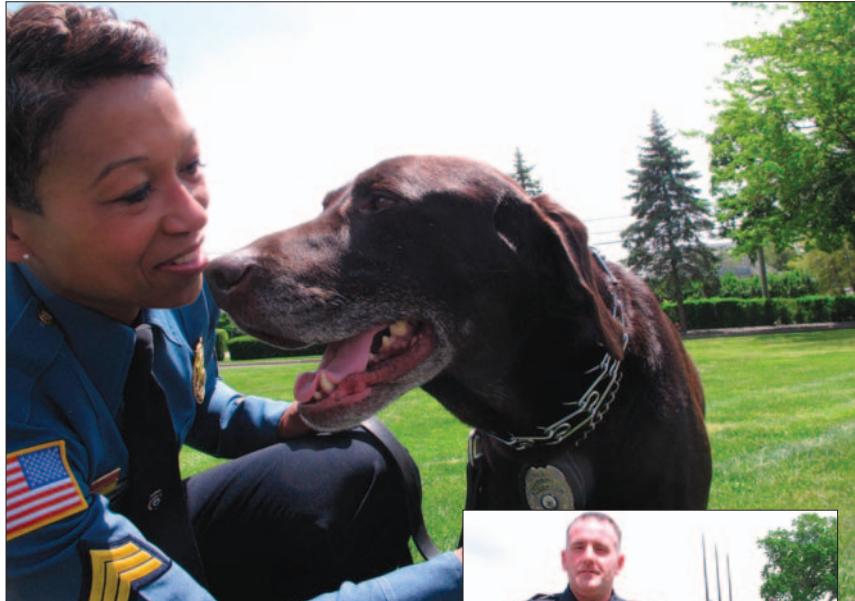
Sunset Hill Cemetery family services manager Jeanne Brummette said Sunday that cleaners had scrubbed the paint off most of the more than 150 markers vandalized. The damage was discovered Saturday morning.

Police in nearby Edwardsville announced Saturday that a 34-year-old man was apprehended as the suspected vandal.

THE CENSUS

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The number of times a Gainesville, Fla., man has been fined for violating the city's two-rabbit limit. Neighbors say Von "Aspen" Ruder, 57, is responsible for an outbreak of loose rabbits in their neighborhood. Ruder, who owns about 25 rabbits, was fined \$521.50 on Friday. In March he was fined \$271.50. In February, Ruder unsuccessfully petitioned the city to establish a medical exception that would allow him to keep the rabbits. He said the rabbits help with his Tourette's syndrome and PTSD from losing his leg more than 30 years ago in a rock-climbing accident.



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Winners by a nose

Above: Sgt. Tracy Stuart, of the Stockton, N.J., University Police Department, plays with her police dog, Hemi, who won a national competition among explosive-sniffing dogs. Right: Cpl. Tony Testino, of the Passaic, N.J., County Sheriff's Department, poses with his police dog, Luna, after winning a national competition among drug-sniffing dogs. The Detector Dog competition was held last week by the United States Police Canine Association and featured more than 100 dogs from across the country.

Man barges onto bus, holds knife to driver

CA SAN DIEGO — Authorities said a Southern California man barged onto a school bus carrying about a dozen children and held a knife to the driver's head before witnesses dragged him away.

The San Diego Union-Tribune reported Saturday that parents and others in the community of Camino helped the children escape out the rear emergency exit.

Sheriff's Sgt. William Uelen said the driver opened the door for the man, thinking he was a parent trying to hold the bus for a child who was late.

A parent flagged down a passing driver who jumped on the bus and helped pry the knife from the man's hands.

Authorities arrested Matthew Barker, 37. Uelen said Barker was previously known to authorities and had drug issues.

80 cats found in home; charges considered

NE WATERLOO — Officials in eastern Nebraska are considering bringing felony charges against a woman after the Nebraska Humane Society found nearly 80 cats — about 30 of them dead — in a Waterloo home.

Mark Langan, with the Nebraska Humane Society, told Omaha television station KETV that his office was talking to the Douglas County Attorney's Office about possible felony charges.

Officials found in the house earlier this month after neighbors called to report starving and meowing cats.

The 53-year-old woman was previously cited for housing animals in deplorable conditions in 2015, when 21 cats and three dogs were removed from her home.

Angler's 6-foot catch breaks sturgeon record

MN STILLWATER — An eastern Minnesota man set a state catch-and-release record by hooking a more than 6-foot-long sturgeon on the Rainy River.

The state Department of Natural Resources announced that Jack Burke's May 4 catch set a new state record, Minnesota Public Radio reported.

Burke had been fishing with his friend Michael Orgas. The duo had caught 20 fish over three days before the record-breaking catch.

The previous record was set in April 2017 by two anglers who caught 70-inch sturgeons on the same day.

The state keeps records based on length for the catch and release of muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon or flathead catfish. From wire reports

Man accused of digging up grave is arrested

WA BREMERTON — A man who police say was found digging up a grave was arrested.

KING5-TV reported that Bremerton police were called to the Miller Woodlawn cemetery last week after an employee spotted the man digging up the grave of Hector Apodac.

The TV station reported that the 27-year-old man was Apodac's brother. The station reported that officers told the man he couldn't dig up the grave, but they weren't sure yet what law he had broken so they told him in the meantime to leave the cemetery.

He later returned to the cemetery and was charged with third-degree malicious mischief and second-degree criminal trespass.

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Memorializing a still-living legend

Creators of documentary on McCain say they wanted senator to see it

BY STEVEN ZEITCHIK
The Washington Post

A few weeks ago, John McCain saw his life unfold before his eyes. The Arizona senator was in a hospital room at Phoenix's Mayo Clinic recovering from a serious intestinal procedure when Teddy Kunhardt paid a visit. Kunhardt, 32, had just co-directed "John McCain: For Whom the Bell Tolls," about McCain's life, and he wanted to show it to the politician.

McCain sat and watched, transfixed. When it was over, he clasped the filmmaker's hand and thanked him.

"I think I was so emotional I just ran out of the room," Kunhardt recalled.

The world of media and entertainment has rushed to find ways to celebrate McCain, whose brain cancer diagnosis came just 11 months ago. That celebration has reached a crescendo of sorts as a memoir of McCain, "The Restless Wave," by frequent McCain speechwriter Mark Salter, hit stores, and "Bell" debuted on HBO on Monday.

Multiple mediums have been marshaled essentially to create a rare object: a living eulogy.

"We wanted John to see this while he still could," said "Bell" co-director Peter Kunhardt.

The Kunhardts (Teddy's brother George is also a director) began to make their documentary last summer, shortly

after McCain's diagnosis. Motivated by the news of his illness and the reflective opportunities it brought, they chose to focus on a wide sweep of the 81-year-old's life. The filmmakers began at the start of the two-time presidential candidate's origin story, with his birth in the Panama Canal Zone. They then move through the beats of his life.

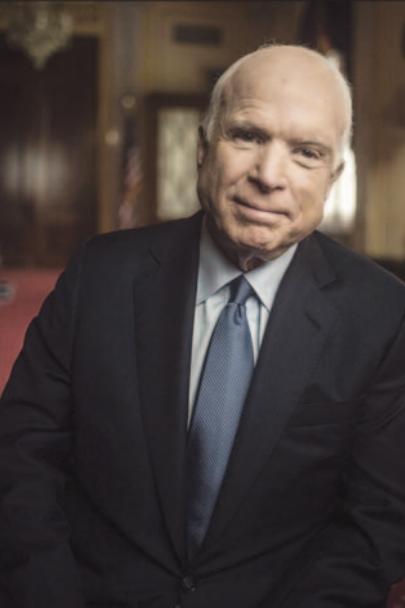
His Navy service and imprisonment for years in Hanoi during the Vietnam War. His return to America and entry into politics. His three decades in the Senate with a reputation for sometimes going against his own party (the health care speech and surprise "no" vote last July, for example).

And of course the two presidential runs, in the Republican primaries in 2000 against George W. Bush and as the Republican nominee in 2008 against Barack Obama. Both figures, incidentally, make appearances in the film to praise McCain, as do a wide range of other political figures.

The film, named after a novel by Ernest Hemingway that is one of McCain's favorites, also raises, but doesn't dwell on, McCain's famously combustible disposition.

Not much time is spent on his contentious relationship with President Donald Trump.

McCain's stance against his own party — that well-worn "maverick" label — was already highly publicized. But it is an accurate one, allies say, and should



CLAIR POPKIN/HBO

Republican Sen. John McCain, who has brain cancer, was able to watch HBO's documentary about him. It was made in 10 months.

only grow with the current partisanship of Congress and between the White House and many others in Washington.

"He looms larger and larger as a person by comparison," former Sen. Joseph Lieberman said in an interview.

The portrait is gentle, and also comprehensive, a feat especially notable given how quickly the film was made. The Kunhardts started and finished a documen-

tary featuring a wide range of D.C. personalities and about 80 years of life, all in essentially 10 months. Even the greenlight came quickly: the Kunhardts to HBO chief Richard Plepler, pitching the movie — and were filming within a few weeks.

"I don't think we've ever seen one move as fast," said Jaqueline Glover, the HBO executive on the project.

'Sesame Street' sues over new *Melissa McCarthy* puppet movie

Associated Press

The makers of "Sesame Street" are suing the promoter of a new *Melissa McCarthy* movie, saying it's abusing the famous puppet's sterling reputation to advertise the R-rated film.

A judge scheduled a hearing this week to consider a request for immediate relief by Sesame Workshop, which sued May 25 in federal court in New York for unspecified damages and an order forcing the film to be marketed differently.

The film, "The Happytime Murders," is scheduled for release Aug. 17. McCarthy plays a human detective who teams with a puppet partner to investigate grisly puppet murders.

The lawsuit said the "Sesame Street" brand will be harmed by a just-released movie trailer featuring "explicit, profane, drug-using, misogynistic, violent, copulating and even ejaculating puppets" along with the tagline "NO SESAME. ALL STREET."

STX Productions LLC, in a statement issued in the name of "Fred, Esq.," a lawyer puppet, said it was looking forward to in-

roducing its "adorably unapologetic characters" to adult moviegoers this summer.

"We're incredibly pleased with the early reaction to the film and how well the trailer has been received by its intended audience," it said. "While we're disappointed that Sesame Street does not share in the fun, we are confident in our legal position."

In court papers, lawyers for Sesame Workshop asked the judge to order STX not to use any of Sesame's trademarks and intellectual property in marketing the film.

They said the marketing materials were confusing viewers into thinking Sesame was involved with or endorsed "this subversion of its own programming — thereby irreparably harming Sesame and its goodwill and brand."

Morgan Freeman says he did not assault women

Morgan Freeman says he likes to compliment people to make them feel at ease around him, but that he has never sexually assaulted women.

The Academy Award-winning actor is fighting back against charges of bad behavior made by multiple women in a CNN report last week. He said in a statement May 25 that the report has devastated him and that "it is not right to equate horrific incidents of sexual assault with misplaced compliments or humor."

Following the report, Visa announced it was suspending all of its marketing that features the actor's voice.

CNN's story includes one movie production assistant who said Freeman unsuccessfully tried to lift her skirt. Other women talked about unwanted touching on their backs and shoulders. Mostly, Freeman's accusers say he would comment about their bodies or clothes or make them uncomfortable by staring.

"I admit that I am someone who feels a need to try to make women, and men, feel appreciated and at ease around me," Freeman, 80, said. "As a part of that, I would often try to joke with and compliment women, in what I thought was a light-hearted and humorous way. Clearly I was not always coming across the way I intended."

He said that he did not assault women,

create unsafe work environments or offer employment or advancement in exchange for sex.

Other news

■ **Alicia Silverstone** is divorcing her husband of nearly 13 years. The "Clueless" actress filed for divorce from rock musician Christopher Jarecki on May 25 in Los Angeles County Superior Court. The two have been separated for two years. Divorce documents say Silverstone, 41, and Jarecki, 47, will share custody of their 7-year-old son, and cite irreconcilable differences as the reason for the split.

■ **Glenn Snoddy**, a recording engineer whose invention of a pedal that allowed guitarists to create a fuzzy, distorted sound most famously used by Keith Richards in the Rolling Stones' hit "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" died May 21. He was 96.

■ **Paul Bloch**, a veteran Hollywood publicist for Rogers & Cowan who counted John Travolta, Eddie Murphy and Tom Cruise among his clients in a career that spanned more than five decades, died May 25 after a long illness. He was 78.

'Solo' takeoff sputters with \$83.3M start

Associated Press

In the largest disturbance yet in Disney's otherwise lucrative reign over "Star Wars," the Han Solo spinoff "Solo: A Star Wars Story" opened well below expectations with a franchise-low \$83.3 million in ticket sales over the three-day weekend in North American theaters.

Disney estimated Sunday that "Solo" will gross \$101 million over the four-day Memorial Day weekend, a figure below even the opening weekends of the much-derided "Star Wars" prequels. Last week, forecasts ran as high as \$150 million for the four-day haul of "Solo."

Overseas ticket sales were even worse. "Solo" starring Alden Ehrenreich in the role made iconic by Harrison Ford, grossed \$65 million internationally in its opening weekend, including a paltry \$10.1 million in China.

"Solo" came in with a Millennium Falcon's worth of baggage following the mid-production firing of directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, who were replaced by Ron Howard. With the rejiggered production, the budget soared well past \$250 million.

But the cause of the spinoff's disappointing performance might have had as much to do with "Star Wars" fatigue ("The Last Jedi" exited theaters just last month) and the stiff competition of a summer holiday weekend. While no major releases dared to open against "Solo," Fox's "Deadpool 2" moved its release date up a week ahead of "Solo."

The gambit might have hurt both releases. After debuting with \$125 million, the R-rated Ryan Reynolds sequel dropped 66 percent to second place with \$42.7 million and an estimated \$5.3 million four-day haul.

SHIFTING GEARS

Change is good



Courtesy of Nissan

Redesigned 2018 Nissan Leaf has extended driving range, advanced technology

By G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

Nissan redesigned its groundbreaking Leaf all-electric car for 2018, which includes improving the electric drive system and extended the driving range on a single charge to an estimated 150 miles, up from 107 miles on the 2017 model.

The exterior and interior have been restyled, and the new model has a 147-horsepower electric motor, up from the previous 107 horsepower. Torque was increased 36 percent, to 236 foot-pounds, giving the Leaf quicker starts.

Although the Leaf's new 40 kilowatt-hour lithium-ion battery pack is the same size as before, it has higher density to provide more power, allowing for the increase in driving range.

Many electric vehicle experts believe that a minimum range of 200 miles is what consumers want to avoid having anxiety about whether they will run out of power prematurely.

But Nissan insists that the new 150-mile range "should satisfy the daily driving needs of the majority of Leaf owners."

There are three trim levels: the S model, starting at \$29,990 (plus \$885 freight); the SV, beginning at \$32,490; and the SL—the model we tested—which lists for \$36,200.

The biggest difference in the price between the entry S model and the midlevel SV is that the S doesn't have built-in quick-charging capability. But it can be added as an option for an additional \$1,590.

Among other new technology in the 2018 Leaf is the e-Pedal, which lets the driver use a single pedal for more than 90 percent of everyday driving, including most braking. But the conventional brake pedal must still be used when fast or aggressive brak-

2018 Nissan Leaf

Highs: Plenty of power, lots of standard and optional features, and a roomy interior

Lows: Range is limited to about 150 miles, so long road trips can be a challenge.

Base price range: \$29,990-\$36,200, plus \$885 freight (before any federal and/or state tax rebates/credits, if available)

Powertrain: 110-kilowatt AC synchronous electric motor

Transmission: Single speed

Power/torque: 147 horsepower/236 foot-pounds

EPA fuel economy rating (mpg equivalent): 125 city/100 highway/112 combined.

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ing is necessary.

With the e-Pedal, when the driver takes his foot off the accelerator pedal, the car will come to a complete stop without the driver having to press the brake pedal. To activate the e-Pedal, the driver must pull back on a switch in the center console, but it does not stay activated once the vehicle is shut down; it defaults back to the "off" position.

During my week in the Leaf, I tried to remember to engage the e-Pedal whenever starting out, and found that in most driving conditions, I really didn't need to use the actual brake pedal. Although I was not in a position to see for myself, the brake lights do come on when the e-Pedal is bringing the car to a stop, Nissan says.

Also new is the ProPilot Assist system, included on our test vehicle in a \$650 package. It includes a combination of the radar/adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency forward braking with pedes-

trian detection, steering assist, intelligent lane intervention, high-beam assist and an electric park brake.

Once it is activated, which happens when a button is pressed on the right side of the steering wheel, ProPilot Assist can actually keep the Leaf centered in its lane on the highway.

But even though it can do this, it doesn't want the driver to depend on it, for sure. When I was trying it out on a not-too-busy rural interstate highway and took my hands off the steering wheel to see how well it worked, I was admonished by a warning notice on the dash that my steering input was required. I knew that I had let go of the wheel, and was quite nervous about that—if a computer can actually get nervous.

Among other advanced safety gear are blind spot warning, rear cross traffic alert, and the intelligent around view monitor with moving object detection.

Also new is a system that can share power between the vehicle and homes, buildings or power grids.

"Using vehicle-to-home systems, the battery makes it possible to store surplus solar power during the daytime and then use it to help power the home in the evening," Nissan says. "The customer can also recharge the battery in the middle of the night, when prices are lowest in some markets, and then use the electricity during the day to reduce energy costs."

The Leaf's chassis has been beefed up for improved stability, with heavy components such as the battery pack put in the center of the car to help improve directional stability and bring smoother cornering.

Leaf's new exterior design makes it look more like a traditional hatchback than it did. It has the Nissan V-motion grille,

"boomerang" light signature and floating roof, making the car look similar to other current Nissan models, such as the Rogue compact crossover.

There are new projector-beam headlights with dual, direct-lens low and high beams; unique rear combination lights; an integrated spoiler; and a new low hood.

The angle of the charging port at the front has been reconfigured for greater convenience, letting the customer connect the charging cable without bending down. The charging cable that came with our test vehicle would allow for connecting to a 240-volt or 120-volt outlet.

Apple CarPlay and Android Auto capability have been incorporated into the infotainment system in models that have the navigation system, which includes our SL. The audio and navigation functions can be set using a steering-wheel switch, without taking hands off the leather-wrapped steering wheel.

The NissanConnect system running through the audio/navigation system can help find charging stations, and give the driver the stations' operating hours and availability. Owners can also use their smartphones to check the car's battery-charge status.

A new front console has dual cupholders between the front seats, allowing for a storage tray at the base of the console for smartphones and wallets. There is also a 12-volt power outlet and a USB port.

Besides the ProPilot Assist package, the only other extras on our Leaf SL were the premium Scarlet Ember (red) exterior paint (\$395), splash guards (\$190) and carpeted floor and cargo mats (\$190).

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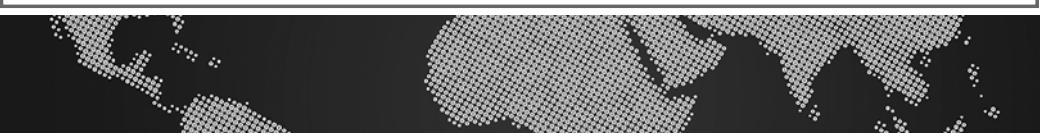
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BUSINESS/WEATHER

China OKs 13 Ivanka Trump trademarks in 3 months

BY ERIKA KINETZ
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Ivanka Trump's brand continues to win foreign trademarks in China and the Philippines, adding to questions about conflicts of interest at the White House, The Associated Press found.

On Sunday, China granted the first daughter's company final approval for its 13th trademark in the past three months, trademark office records show. During the same period, the Chinese government has granted Trump's company provisional approval for another eight trademarks, which can be finalized if no objections are raised during a three-month comment period.

Taken together, the trademarks could allow her brand to market a lifetime's worth of products in China, from baby blankets to coffins and a host of things in between, including perfume, makeup, bowls, mirrors, furniture, books, coffee, chocolate and honey. Trump stepped back from

management of her brand and placed its assets into a family-run trust, but she continues to profit from the business.

Noah Bookbinder, the executive director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, said on Twitter that the recent approvals create "more conflicts of interest and more potential for using the White House for self-enrichment." His government watchdog group was behind one of several lawsuits against President Donald Trump for violations of the emoluments clause of the constitution, which bars officials from accepting gifts from foreign states unless they are approved by Congress.

As Ivanka Trump and her father have built their global brands, largely through licensing deals, they have pursued trademarks in dozens of countries. Those global trademarks have drawn the attention of ethics lawyers because they are granted by foreign governments and can confer enormous value. Concerns about political influence have been es-

pecially sharp in China, where the courts and the bureaucracy are designed to reflect the will of the ruling Communist Party.

Chinese officials have emphasized that all trademark applications are handled in accordance with the law.

More approvals are likely to come. Online records from China's trademark office indicate that Ivanka Trump's company last applied for trademarks — 17 of them — on Mar. 28, 2017, the day before she took on a formal role at the White House. Those records on Monday showed at least 25 Ivanka Trump trademarks pending review, 36 active marks and eight with provisional approval.

The World Intellectual Property Organization's global brand database also shows that her company, Ivanka Trump Marks LLC, won three trademarks in the Philippines after her father took office. Two of them covering clothing, including lingerie and baby clothes, were filed on Feb. 8, 2017 and registered in June and November. The third, filed March

1, 2017, covers clothing and footwear and was registered in July.

Companies register for trademarks for a variety of reasons. They can be a sign of corporate ambition, but in many countries like China, where trademark squatting is rampant, companies also file defensively to block copycats from grabbing legal rights to a brand's name. Trademarks are classified by category and may include items that a company does not intend to market. Some trademark lawyers also advise clients to register trademarks for merchandise that is manufactured in China, even if it's not sold there.

Ivanka Trump does not have a large retail presence in China, but customs records show that the bulk of her company's U.S. imports are shipped from China.

The brand's secretive Chinese supply chains have been the subject of some controversy. A year ago Monday, three men working for China Labor Watch, a New York-based nonprofit, were arrested while investigating labor abuses at Ivanka Trump suppli-

ers in China. After thirty days in detention, they were released on bail, but they continue to live under police surveillance.

Li Qiang, the group's founder, said Monday that he hopes bail will be lifted soon and that the case will not go to trial.

Police in Ganzhou, the southeastern Chinese city where the men were detained, could not be reached for comment. The Chinese law firm that handles Ivanka Trump's intellectual property in China also did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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Germany gives Daimler deadline on diesel van fix

Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche arrives Monday at the German transport ministry in Berlin.

KAY NIETELDORF, DPA/AP



Associated Press

BERLIN — German authorities are giving automaker Daimler until mid-June to submit a plan for how it will fix diesel-powered vans that don't meet emissions requirements.

The announcement came after Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche was summoned for talks at the transport ministry on Monday, the latest German auto executive to face a grilling over excessive emissions in diesel vehicles.

Daimler was ordered to recall

more than 6,000 Mercedes-Benz Vito delivery vans last week after Germany's motor vehicle authority ruled emissions controls didn't meet legal requirements. The company said it disagreed with authorities' assessment, but would prepare software updates for the vehicles' engine control systems and would carry out the updates at no cost to vehicle owners.

Andreas Scheuer, Germany's transport minister, said he plans to have another meeting with Zetsche in two weeks.

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Stan Wawrinka lost in the first round of the French Open to Guillermo Garcia-Lopez on Monday.

Former champ Wawrinka out

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

PARIS — Still reeling from knee surgeries, former champion Stan Wawrinka lost a five-set battle to Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in the first round of the French Open on Monday.

Last year's finalist lasted three-and-a-half hours before bowing out with a 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 loss to the 67th-ranked Spaniard.

Returning to the place where he claimed the second of his three Grand Slam titles did not help Wawrinka shake off his poor form. The Swiss player, No. 30 in the world, looked a shadow of the player who won in Paris three years ago, struggling with his serve and hitting 72 unforced errors.

Wawrinka did not go down easily, though, in a match that produced some spectacular baseline rallies. But he was ultimately

made to pay for his inconsistent play.

"There is no frustration, it's just tough," Wawrinka said. "But I'm on the right way. It was very close today."

Wawrinka has struggled with his fitness after undergoing knee surgeries in August. This was only his 11th match of the year.

Garcia-Lopez was joined in the second round by former champion Novak Djokovic, who advanced with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over qualifier Rogerio Dutra Silva of Brazil.

"Every day it's very special to play here, it feels a bit like home," said Djokovic, who has not won a Grand Slam event since the 2016 French Open. "It was important to win in straight sets."

Djokovic, who underwent right elbow surgery earlier this year, is the No. 20 seed in Paris, his lowest Grand Slam seeding since the

2006 U.S. Open.

In women's play, Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki is into the second round after a 7-6 (2), 6-1 win over Roland Garros debutant Danielle Collins.

The second-seeded Wozniacki delivered a solid display punctuated by only a few mistakes.

Two-time Kvitova made it to the second round after defeating Veronica Cepede Royg of Paraguay 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, while former top-ranked player Victoria Azarenka lost 7-5, 7-5 to Katerina Siniakova.

The No. 8-seeded Kvitova needed 2 hours, 7 minutes to overcome her 87th-ranked opponent. Kvitova's best run in Paris was to the semifinals in 2012.

Also advancing were Americans Coco Vandeweghe and Madison Keys.

third straight day and led by as many as five shots after a birdie on No. 9.

Senior PGA: Paul Broadhurst shot an 8-under 63 to win to win the Senior PGA Championship by four strokes and match the 72-hole scoring record at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Broadhurst finished at 19-under 265, matching the record by Rocco Mediate at Harbor Shores two years ago.

European Tour: Francesco Molinari completed a bogey-free weekend at Wentworth Club in Virginia Water, England and closed with a 4-under 68 to win the BMW PGA Championship by two shots over Rory McIlroy in a duel that never developed.

McIlroy, who led by three strokes after 36 holes, entered the final round tied for the lead with Molinari. He didn't make his first birdie until the eighth hole, and by then Molinari already was two shots ahead.

LPGA Tour: Minjee Lee of Australia birdied the 18th hole to close with a 4-under 68 and win the KPMG Championship by one shot over I.K. Kim at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Rose opened with two straight birdies for the

Schmidt knows both sides of Cup matchup

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Nate Schmidt spent the previous four seasons playing for the Washington Capitals, and he personally experienced the heartbreak of their recent playoff disappointments. The defenseman understands why many people thought this talented, experienced team might never win a championship.

Schmidt and his many good friends with the Caps are finally in the Stanley Cup Final this week. Only they're on opposite benches after the Vegas Golden Knights grabbed Schmidt in the expansion draft and wouldn't give him back.

Schmidt was Washington's sixth defenseman last season, but he now leads the Golden Knights in ice time. The improbable matchup in Monday night's series opener puts a bewildered grin on Schmidt's face.

"Yeah, I don't think you could have written this up any better for me," he said Sunday.

Both of his franchises are in the mids of banner years, and Schmidt won't argue with the idea that he deserves a small part of the credit.

Or maybe the blame.

"I really enjoyed my time in Washington," Schmidt said. "I thought that team was special, and we still had a good chance to go and do something, and here we are, proving it."

Schmidt stops himself as another grin invades his serious interview session.

"I must have been the reason why," he said. "I must have been the problem."

Not likely. Schmidt's irrepressible personality and two-way acumen have made him one of the Golden Knights' most valuable players during their improbable inaugural season.

He surpassed his previous career highs with five goals and 31 assists while doing steady work on the back end. Given extensive responsibilities in Vegas after playing a smaller role in Washington, Schmidt has taken a major step forward.

"The perception of your game could be remedied and redone, and I think that's the coolest part of what we've been able to do here in Vegas," Schmidt said. "You have guys that have been able to revamp their image or revamp their style, and for other guys to grow into the players that people may not have thought they could be."

Schmidt might have had this success in Washington if he had stuck around. He had begun to assert himself in a pairing with John Carlson, the Caps' No. 1 defenseman.

"We were playing together last season, and that's probably how it would have started out again this season," said Carlson, who led all NHL blueliners this season with 68 points. "So there's a little disappointment from that, but obviously he's done really well for himself. That's no surprise. I wish him all the best, but not for these next two weeks."



Stanley Cup Final
Washington Capitals
vs. Vegas Golden Knights
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

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Saturday: at Washington AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Friday CET; 8 a.m. Saturday JK

Monday, June 4: at Washington AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Tuesday CET; 8 a.m. Tuesday JK

x-Thursday, June 7: at Vegas AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Friday CET; 8 a.m. Friday JK

x-Sunday, June 10: at Washington AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Monday CET; 8 a.m. Monday JK

x-Wednesday, June 13: at Vegas AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Thursday JK

Friday, June 15: at Vegas AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Saturday JK

Schmidt has been particularly effective in the playoffs. Partnered with former Kings defenseman Brayden McNabb in the Knights' top pairing, Schmidt has provided energy, timely scoring and strong back-end play while Vegas roared past Los Angeles, San Jose and Winnipeg with just three losses.

Schmidt knows more about the Caps than his teammates, so he realizes the enormity of their task. He'll lead the Golden Knights' efforts to minimize Alex Ovechkin's time and space with the puck.

"He's a beast," Schmidt said. "I played against him in practice for a long time, so hopefully I know a few tendencies of his. But in reality, he's a player that can shoot the puck from anywhere."

Schmidt's unusual perspective on this series is matched only by Vegas general manager George McPhee. Before the Caps fired him in 2014, McPhee acquired many of the players on Washington's roster — including Schmidt.

McPhee acquired him again last summer, but Washington general manager Brian MacLellan tried hard to keep him with a post-draft trade. If anybody could have made it, it's these two men, who have known each other for 44 years since their bantam playing days in Guelph, Ontario, followed by college careers at Bowling Green and several years together in Washington's front office.

Not even a childhood friendship could keep Schmidt away from his new destiny in Vegas.

"We made our selection, and then he called and asked if there's any way we could do a deal for him to get Schmidt back," McPhee recalled. "And I said, 'I don't see anything, but we'll try to come up with something to give you a chance to say no.' We made a proposal that I didn't think would work, and it didn't work. Our guys liked Schmidt."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Returns: James scores 35 to lift Cavs over Celtics in Game 7

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sure looks capable of more.

And the Cavaliers will need every bit of it. They had to play seven games just to get out of the first round, and seven more to finish a climb out of 2-0 deficit against a younger, more athletic Celtics team. They have to be tired, and that's no way to go into a series against Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry and the Warriors, who blew Cleveland away in five games last year, or James Harden and a Rockets team that can be every bit as potent on one end and lock teams down on the other.

The only way it would appear Cleveland would have a chance would be if James can summon his highest level, the kind that perhaps no other player can reach — and then do it three more times.

The Celtics have seen him do it, after he averaged 33.6 points, 9.0 rebounds and 8.4 assists to eliminate them in the East finals for the second straight year.

"I think we've played now until May 25th and May 27th the last two years, and we started on Sept. 25th," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "That's every day. Every day that you're totally focused on this, and he's gone past that eight straight times. It's ridiculous, and he does it at this level and with the pressure, with the scrutiny. Doesn't matter. It's just unbelievable."

This was the year James' finals streak looked over. Kyrie Irving had been traded to Boston in the offseason, Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose weren't the answers as his replacement, and Kevin Love missed significant time with injuries.

And even after the Cavaliers remade their team at the February trade deadline, it didn't look good enough. Cleveland had finished just fourth in the East,



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Cavaliers forward LeBron James salutes after his team was presented the trophy for beating the Celtics 87-79 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals on Sunday in Boston. James averaged 33.6 points, 9.0 rebounds and 8.4 assists in the series.

never developing the necessary cohesiveness required to be even a mediocre defensive team, let alone a championship-caliber one. They still can surrender open shots everywhere, a flaw that seems fatal against the three-point happy Rockets or Warriors.

The only obvious advantage the Cavaliers have is James, the kind of player who can win a Game 7 in Boston with a team that was without its other All-Star because of a concussion and couldn't shoot straight deep into the first half, with Cavaliers other than James missing their first 10 threes until J.R. Smith hit one with 2:54 remaining until halftime.

"I mean, the bigger the stage, the bigger the player, and he's been doing it for us since we've been here," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "The great quote from

the great Doc Rivers is you always want to go into the Game 7 with the best player, and we have the best player on our team going into a Game 7. I like our chances."

And he'll like them again starting Thursday even if the oddsmakers don't. The Cavaliers were probably far better last year and could only get a game from the Warriors.

But two years ago, they also weren't given much of a shot against the Warriors, especially after falling behind 3-1 in the finals. Nobody had ever overcome that deficit in the championship round, and Cleveland had to do it against a team that had won an NBA-record 73 games.

James led that comeback to Cleveland's first title, and now he's got a shot for another unlikely one.

Scoreboard

Conference finals

(Best-of-seven)
Eastern Conference
Cleveland 4, Boston 3
Boston 107, Golden State 94
Cleveland 116, Boston 86
Cleveland 107, Boston 102
Boston 96, Cleveland 93
Cleveland 109, Boston 99
Sunday: Cleveland 87, Boston 79

Western Conference
Houston 3, Golden State 3
Golden State 119, Houston 106
Houston 127, Golden State 105
Golden State 106, Houston 95
Houston 95, Golden State 92
Houston 98, Golden State 94
Golden State 101, Houston 86
Monday: Houston

Sunday
Cavaliers 87, Celtics 79
Cleveland — James 12-24 8-11 35, 6-10 3P, 4-4 FT, 10 R, 8 A, 10 S, 10 T, 1-0 2P, 2-2 3P, 3-5 5-12, Nance Jr. 1-2 0-2, Clarkson 0-2 0-0, Korver 1-6 0-0
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MLB

Indians rally for wild win over Astros in 14th

Allen's first homer of season caps back-and-forth contest

By STEVE HERRICK

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Greg Allen had one thought as he saw his teammates waiting for him at home plate.

"Just don't get too roughed up in there," he said. "It's something I'll remember forever. It's all still sinking in. It's pretty special."

Allen homered on Brad Peacock's first pitch in the 14th inning, and the Cleveland Indians stunned the Houston Astros 10-9 on Sunday.

Allen's first homer of the season landed in the seats in right and triggered a wild celebration for the Indians, who rallied twice to overcome another impressive performance for Jose Altuve.

Cleveland scored five runs in the ninth. Michael Brantley's two-out RBI single off Hector Rondon tied it at 8.

Evan Gattis' two-out homer off Dan Otero (1-1) gave Houston a 9-8 lead in the 13th, but Yonder Alonso responded with a leadoff drive against Collin McHugh in the bottom half.

Peacock (1-2) got the loss on the only pitch he threw.

Houston wasted a stellar day for Altuve, who had four hits and drove in two runs. The reigning AL MVP had a streak of 10 consecutive hits, breaking his own club record, before he lined out to center in the ninth.

"You don't count hits when you're playing because you're trying to win games," Altuve said. "My teammates were like, 'You've got 10 straight hits, but I really wasn't thinking about it at all."

The Astros trailed 3-2 before Altuve's tying RBI single in the eighth. Carlos Correa and Yuli Gurriel followed with run-scoring singles before Gattis made it 8-3



TONY DEJAK/AP

The Indians' Greg Allen watches his winning solo home run off Houston Astros relief pitcher Brad Peacock in the 14th inning of Sunday's game in Cleveland. The Indians won 10-9.

with a three-run shot to center.

The late offensive eruption upstaged the anticipated pitching matchup of former UCLA teammates Gerrit Cole and Trevor Bauer.

Jose Ramirez sparked Cleveland's big ninth with a leadoff double against Ken Giles, capping a 17-pitch battle. Singles for Edwin Encarnacion, Alonso, Jason Kip-

nis and pinch-hitter Erik Gonzalez then trimmed Houston's lead to 8-6.

Rondon replaced Will Harris and retired Allen on a line to left for the second out. But Lindor and Brantley delivered consecutive singles, tying the game.

First baseman Gurriel finally robbed Ramirez of a game-winning hit with a diving catch of his line drive near the line,

ending the inning.

Cleveland manager Terry Francona thought Ramirez's lengthy at-bat against Giles was a turning point.

"It changed the whole inning because they ended up having to go to the bullpen just because of the pitch count," he said. "There was a lot of things that happened that were incredible, or we don't win."

Roundup

Tanaka fans Ohtani twice, pitches Yankees past Angels

Associated Press

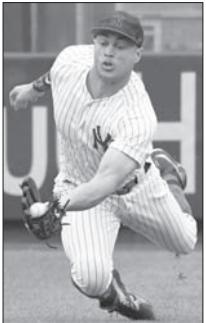
NEW YORK — Masahiro Tanaka pitched six sharp innings and struck out Japanese countryman Shohei Ohtani twice as the New York Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Angels 3-1 Sunday.

Brett Gardner had three hits for New York, which won five of six against the Angels this season.

Although Ohtani was pushed back from Sunday's scheduled start due to what the Angels called "workload management," Tanaka (6-2) held up his end of the highly anticipated pitchers' duel that never materialized. Tanaka struck out eight and allowed just Andrelton Simmons' sixth-inning home run in his longest outing in nearly a month.

Pitching on his 30th birthday, Angels right-hander Garrett Richards (4-4) allowed three runs over 2 1/2 innings and matched a season high with five walks.

Aroldis Chapman walked Ohtani to begin the ninth, but struck out a pair to earn his 10th save in 11 chances.



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

Yankees left fielder Giancarlo Stanton dives to make a catch on a ball hit by the Los Angeles Angels' Luis Valbuena to end the sixth inning of Sunday's game at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Braves 7, Red Sox 1: At Boston, prizewinning Ronald Acuna Jr. took a high-flying tumble while beating out an infield hit, exiting Atlanta's win with knee and lower back pain.

Acuna waved his arms "safe"

as he crossed first base before his left foot gave out in the seventh inning, and he went sprawling. He walked off the field slowly, passing on a wheelchair that was rolled out for him.

Mike Foltynewicz (4-3) took a no-hit bid into the sixth and went seven innings. Tyler Flowers hit a three-run homer off Red Sox ace Chris Sale (5-2), salvaging the final of a three-game interleague series.

Nationals 5, Marlins 2: Bryce Harper hit his NL-leading 16th homer, and Washington completed a three-game sweep by beating host Miami for the 11th time in a row.

The Nationals matched the longest winning streak in franchise history against one team. It's the Marlins' longest losing streak against an opponent since 1999.

Mariners 3, Twins 1: Ronny Healy doubled home two runs in the eighth inning and Alex Colome earned a save in his first outing for host Seattle, which swept the three-game series and has won eight of its last nine.

Colome pitched a perfect inning for his 12th save of the season. He arrived in Seattle on Saturday night, a day after the Mariners got him and outfielder Denard Span in a trade with Tampa Bay. Colome will pitch the eighth inning most of the time for Seattle, but closer Edwin Diaz had the day off after working in four of the previous five games.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 4: Harrison Bader's pinch-hit bloop single off Pittsburgh closer Felipe Vazquez keyed a late rally for visiting St. Louis.

Brewers 8, Mets 7: Domingo Santana's two-run double highlighted a four-run seventh inning for surging host Milwaukee.

Dodgers 6, Padres 1: Rookie Walker Buehler tied a career high with eight strikeouts, Max Muncy and Cody Bellinger homered,

and host Los Angeles earned its eighth victory in 10 games.

Blue Jays 5, Phillies 3: Devon Travis and Dwight Smith Jr. each hit a two-run double for visiting Toronto, and J.A. Happ pitched neatly into the seventh inning.

Rays 8, Orioles 3: Relievers Vital Nuno and Austin Pruitt combined to throw 8 1/2 scoreless innings, leading host Tampa Bay to the win.

Athletics 2, Diamondbacks 1: Matt Chapman hit a tiebreaking single off Zack Greinke with two out in the sixth inning, lifting host Oakland to the win.

Royals 5, Rangers 3: Jason Hammel struck out 10, Drew Butera and Salvador Perez homered, and visiting Kansas City held on for the win.

Rockies 8, Reds 2: Carlos Gonzalez had a season-high four hits for host Colorado, including a three-deck homer off Matt Harvey.

Tigers 3, White Sox 2: Blaine Hardy pitched seven strong innings to help host Detroit get the win.

AUTO RACING

Charlotte victory historic for Busch

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Joe Gibbs has coached Super Bowl champions.

He's learned that to reach that level, it takes a group of guys who are "special" on game day — just like Kyle Busch, the top driver in the NASCAR team owner's stable and winner of 188 races across the top three circuits.

"I have had some football players who are real easy during the week and when they put their helmet on, they are big time and going for it. Those are the guys you want — and I think Kyle has that," Gibbs said. "I don't know that I have ever seen him back off on race day."

Busch continued his assault on the NASCAR record book Sunday night by winning the Coca-Cola 600 and becoming the first driver in modern history to win a Cup points race at every track on the circuit.

Gibbs said Busch is always after it, always aggressive, and carries that emotion with him.

"Some people are just special when it comes to game day — and I think Kyle is one of those," Gibbs said.

Busch described himself as "bipolar" on race day.

He said he was a little extra rough around the edges Sunday, something that wasn't lost on his wife, Samantha. At one point before the race, she asked him, "What's the matter with you?"

"I guess it's just race day," Busch responded.

Busch said his favorite part of the day is putting on his helmet, getting in the car and turning laps.

Crew chief Adam Stevens said Busch has 100 percent focus and commitment to winning.

"Nothing makes him happy



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Kyle Busch raises the trophy in Victory Lane after winning Sunday's Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C.

The royal was meant to save the race track and things like that but I am a bit of a skeptic," Hamlin said.

Toyota run well: The Toyotas ran well all night at CMS, finishing 1-2-3. The rest of the top 10 featured Fords and Chevrolets.

unless he is in Victory Lane," Stevens said. "He doesn't settle for less from himself and doesn't settle less from the people around him. I take comfort for that, personally. You know what you are going to get. He's hard to beat."

It was a record-setting night for Busch, who became only the 10th driver in NASCAR history to lead more than 15,000 career Cup Series laps. He led 377 of 400 laps to earn his fourth win of the season.

Things we learned from the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday:

Harvick isn't invincible: Kevin Harvick had won the previous three Cup races, including the All-Star race, but Sunday proved he's not invincible.

Harvick, who has been Busch's top competition this year, crashed on lap 83 and finished in last place after a tire went down and he hit the wall.

"The car was really, really fast," said Harvick, who started 39th because his No. 4 Ford failed inspection three times before qualifying. "We came all the way through the pack and made it up into the top three there and sometimes those things happen. I can't complain about anything that's happened this year. We have to take the good with the bad. ... It was just bad luck."

Johnson is frustrated: It has been almost a full year since Jimmie Johnson last won a Cup race. The seven-time Cup champion has gone 36 straight races without a victory. He ran well in the 600, finished fifth and said "it feels good, but I want to win. I'm tired of running fifth. I'm tired of running whatever it is."

His last win came at Dover on June 4, 2017.

Race setup changes? NASCAR officials refused to change the race package for the Coca-Cola 600, and it paid the price with a race that featured one dominant driver and very little passing.

Martin Truex said despite Busch "kicking everybody's tail," he still liked this setup more than the All-Star race.

As for third-place finisher Denny Hamlin, he replied, "No comment."

Not surprisingly, Busch liked the current setup and wasn't a fan of the All-Star race package.

Roval up next: The next time NASCAR drivers come to Charlotte Motor Speedway they will be competing on "the roval," which combines a new road course intertwined with a portion of the existing 1½-mile speedway.

Hamlin is not so sure about the idea.

"The roval was meant to save the race track and things like that but I am a bit of a skeptic," Hamlin said.

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GREG HUEY/AP

Alexander Rossi drives by Danica Patrick as she hits the wall in the second turn during Sunday's Indianapolis 500. Patrick crashed out in her final race before retiring.

'Danica Double' ends with early crash, but no regrets

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two prestigious, 500-mile races. Two hard crashes. Two back-of-the-pack finishes.

The "Danica Double" was mostly a dud.

Danica Patrick ended the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday much like she did the Daytona 500 in February: With a ride to the infield care center and feelings of frustration.

Patrick's farewell tour, dubbed the "Danica Double," was supposed to be a celebratory send-off in which she got final shots at winning the two most iconic American races. Her bid fell well short. Patrick completed 168 of a possible 407 laps at the two events, racing 420 miles instead of a little more than 1,000.

It was far from what she wanted when she committed to the two-race retirement party.

Still, it did little to weaken her racing résumé that includes a few breakthrough performances and a seemingly secure place in history.

"Definitely not a great ending," Patrick said. "But I kind of said before I came here that I feel like if it's a complete disaster — complete like as if not in the ballpark at all, look silly — then people might remember that. If I win, people will remember that."

"But probably anything in between might just be a little part of a big story, so I kind of feel like that's how it is, you know."

The 36-year-old Patrick crashed on lap 68 of the Indy 500, the track that made her famous. She lost traction on a slippery surface, spun as she exited turn 2 and then slammed into two walls before coming to a stop. She finished 30th, her lowest spot in eight starts at "The Greatest Spectacle



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Danica Patrick is interviewed following her release from the infield hospital after being checked following a crash in the Indianapolis 500.

in Racing." She was 35th at Daytona three months ago.

Both times, she trudged out of infield care centers and answered questions about early exits.

"Today was really disappointing for what we were hoping for and what you want for your last race," she said. "I'm grateful for all of it. I wish I could have finished stronger. I wouldn't want to end it any year that way. Being the last one makes it worse. I did have some good moments here this month and I won't forget that, either, and I won't forget the fans."

Patrick was a fan favorite all month at Indianapolis, still revered by those who remember her leading the 2009 race before finishing third. She was surrounded by autograph-seekers all month, and she got one of the loudest ovations during driver introductions Sunday.

Patrick weaved through gawkers to get to her No. 13 Chevrolet on the starting grid and soaked in all the pre-race pageantry with

boyfriend and Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, her parents and sister.

Just before the singing of the national anthem, with the crowd as quiet as it would be all day, one fan screamed from the grandstands, "Let's go Danica!" She smiled, turned and waved.

"I was definitely nervous," Patrick said. "I had all my people around me, so I was in good spirits."

After the anthem, she hugged her parents and sister and then got a long embrace from Rodgers. He whispered in her right ear, gave her a kiss and then smacked her on the butt as she maneuvered toward her cockpit. Rodgers headed upstairs to watch the race from a luxury suite.

Patrick dropped several spots shortly after the green flag, battling an ill-handling entry for Ed Carpenter Racing. She was the first driver to make a pit stop in hopes of making changes.

She was running in the middle of the field when she spun sideways, hit the outside wall and then careened across the track and into an inside barrier. She was uninjured.

She reiterated that she had no regrets about her racing career, adding that she anticipates having an itch to come back. Instead, she plans to spend time with Rodgers and building her burgeoning business empire. The only woman lead laps in both the Indy 500 and the Daytona 500 created a strong brand and became a role model for little girls everywhere.

"I'm very grateful for everybody and for being able to finish it up like I wanted to," she said. "It still was a lot of great memories this month, a lot of great moments this year."

INDIANAPOLIS 500

Scoreboard

Indianapolis 500

At Indianapolis Motor Speedway	
Indianapolis	
Lap length: 2.5 miles	
(Post race, 100 laps, 200 miles)	
1. (3) Will Power, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
2. (1) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
3. (9) Scott Dixon, Honda, 200, Running	
4. (32) Alexander Rossi, Honda, 200, Running	
5. (4) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 200, Running	
6. (2) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
7. (21) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 200, Running	
8. (4) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
9. (18) Robert Wickens, Honda, 200, Running	
10. (30) Graham Rahal, Honda, 200, Running	
11. (27) JR Hildebrand, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
12. (2) Marco Andretti, Honda, 200, Running	
13. (11) Matheus Leist, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
14. (22) Gabby Chaves, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
15. (23) Stefan Wilson, Honda, 200, Running	
16. (31) Jack Harvey, Honda, 200, Running	
17. (26) Oriol Servia, Honda, 200, Running	
18. (15) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 200, Running	
19. (13) Zachary Claman De Melo, Honda, 199, Running	
20. (6) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet, 199, Running	
21. (33) Conor Daly, Honda, 199, Running	
22. (20) Max Chilton, Chevrolet, 198, Running	
23. (29) Zach Veach, Honda, 198, Running	
24. (28) Jay Howard, Honda, 193, Running	
25. (10) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 187, Contact	
26. (24) Sage Karam, Chevrolet, 154, Contact	
27. (8) Helio Castroneves, Chevrolet, 145, Contact	
28. (5) Sebastien Bourdais, Honda, 137, Contact	
29. (17) Kyle Kaiser, Chevrolet, 110, Mechanical	
30. (7) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 67, Contact	
31. (10) Ed Jones, Honda, 57, Contact	
32. (16) Takuma Sato, Honda, 46, Contact	
33. (18) James Davison, Chevrolet, 45, Contact	
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Race Statistics	
Winner's average speed: 166.935 mph.	
Time of Race: 2:59:42.635.	
Fastest Lap: 1:39.299 seconds.	
Cautions: 7 for 41 laps.	
Lap changes: 30 among 15 drivers.	
Lap record: 1:39.299 by Ed Carpenter, garden 31; Pigot 32-34; Carpenter 35-50; Claman De Melo 51-55; Carpenter 56-62; Kanaan 63-67; Power 68-72; Power 73-89; Carpenter 90-91; Power 92-94; Servia, Oriol 95; Bourdais 96; Rahal, Graham 97-101; Power 102-106; Power 107-108-128; Hunter-Reay 129; Bourdais 130-132; Newgarden 133-134; Rahal, Graham 135-137; Power 138-140; Power 141-170; Carpenter 171-172; Rossi, Alexander 173; Pagenaud, Simon 174; Munoz, Carlos 175-176; Power 177-178; Chilton, Robert 179; Servia, Oriol 180-192; Wilson, Stefan 193-195; Power 196-200; Power 201-202; Power 203-243; Rossi 241; 3. Newgarden 233; 4. Dixon 218; 5. Hunter-Reay 186; 6. Rahal 183; 7. Wickens 178; 8. Bourdais 169; 9. Pagenaud 155; 10. James Hinchcliffe 144.	



PHOTOS BY DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Will Power celebrates Sunday after becoming the first Australian driver to win the Indianapolis 500 in Indianapolis.

Power first Aussie to win Indy

BY JENNA FRYER

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Will Power lost three consecutive championships before he decided a change was in order.

He knew he must improve on oval tracks to be considered among the best in racing.

If there was any doubt how serious Power was about his turnaround, he settled it Sunday by winning on the biggest oval of them all.

Power won the Indianapolis 500 to check off one of the few empty boxes on his résumé. When he stopped hating ovals, he won the 2014 IndyCar championship. When he started to appreciate Indianapolis Motor Speedway and made it a priority, he finally figured out how to win "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

"You work hard at something, it comes to you. It eventually comes to you, and [Indy] was the last box to tick to be considered as a very successful driver," Power said.

Power gave team owner Roger Penske a 17th Indy 500 victory in a sweep of the "month of May" at Indianapolis. Power also won on the road course — he's considered a specialist on road and street courses — two weeks ago and Sunday's win was his 34th, tying him with Al Unser Jr. for eighth on IndyCar's all-time list.

Power also became the winningest IndyCar driver in Penske history (31). He is the first Australian victor in 102 editions of the race and was able to celebrate only a few hours after countryman Daniel Ricciardo won Formula One's Monaco Grand Prix, an extraordinary showing for drivers from Down Under on the biggest day of the year in motorsports.

Power is an emotional and expressive driver, and he's most known for getting caught on television flashing both his middle fingers at IndyCar race control. The moment made him an internet sensation. The Indy 500 victory he hopes makes him an international star.

"To be the first Australian to win the Indy 500, that's very special," he said. "Maybe

they might recognize me down there now. I don't think many people know who I am down there."

He's an Indy 500 champion.

And his winner's circle celebration is one that won't soon be forgotten because the wide-eyed Power could not stop screaming.

He screamed to wife, Liz, took a sip of the traditional milk, then dumped the rest over his head and around his crew. Liz Power reached for the empty milk bottle, then pointed out to her husband that he'd sprayed milk all over. Indianapolis festival princess Natalie Murdoch He apologized, then started screaming again.

"I felt so bad. When I turned around, [her] glasses, she was covered in milk. I didn't realize she was behind me," Power said. "I said 'I'm so sorry.' What could I do? I didn't see [her] behind me."

It was his only wrong move of the race.

As Power held off pole winner Ed Carpenter, the 81-year-old Penske pumped his fist in the air and clapped. Penske was elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame earlier this month, but the Power victory kept him in Indianapolis and he was unable to travel to North Carolina to watch his three NASCAR drivers race in the Coca-Cola 600.

"To be able to race on Memorial Day in the biggest racing event in the world, have America the way it is, that's what I'm going to take away from this race," Penske said. "I'm just so thrilled, 17 wins. Now I have to worry about 18. I'm not going to look back, I'll look forward. We have to be back next year."

This year's race was a strange one in that no clear favorite ever emerged and a new Indy car that has less downforce made it difficult to predict a winner. Penske's four Chevrolets were fast and so was Danica Patrick in the final race of her career. That was all that was needed to Sunday.

Come race day, it was 91 degrees, just short of the Indy 500 race-day record of 92 set in 1937. The conditions created a slick, 2 1/2-mile

track, and new cars proved to be a handful for even the most experienced of drivers. Helio Castroneves, Tony Kanaan, Sébastien Bourdais and Patrick were among those who crashed in single-car spins. Defending race winner Takuma Sato was also knocked out when he ran into the back of a slower car.

Power led 59 laps but his final pit stop dropped him to fourth, behind three cars that were trying to win on fuel mileage. Kanaan's crash with 12 laps remaining set up a final restart with Oriol Servia out front. Servia didn't get a great restart and was passed by Stefan Wilson and Jack Harvey. But all three were gambling they had enough gas to get to the finish line, and it was Power who was frantically chasing them down.

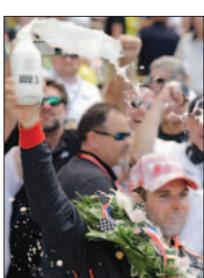
Wilson and Harvey both ducked onto pit lane for gas, giving Power the lead with four laps remaining. He knew he had it won when he took the white flag all alone, and spent the final lap yelling to himself in joy as he drove away from the field.

"I've won so many races and poles, led more laps than anyone. I just hadn't done it here," he said. "I'm thinking, 'Am I going to finish my career without a 500 win?' I would race ovals every week now because I'm just so experienced at it. I really enjoy it, have become quite good at it. I feel like every time I go to an oval, I have a chance to win."

"That definitely wasn't the feeling at the beginning of my career. I would always think, 'Oh, it's going to suck.' I never thought I could win. Now I know every oval I go to, like a road course, I have a great shot at winning. That's the attitude you have to have."

Carpenter was second in another Chevy and noted just how much Power used to hate the speedway.

Scott Dixon stretched his fuel to finish third and was followed by Alexander Rossi, who drove from 32nd to fourth and made some of the most spectacular moves in the race.



Will Power dumps milk on his head after taking the winner's traditional spritz on Sunday in Indianapolis.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Up to the challenge

James returns to Finals for eighth straight year

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
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LeBron James will get a couple days to catch his breath, then make his annual June journey to Golden State or down to Houston to face a team far better than his. His eighth straight NBA Finals sets up as one of his most difficult, flanked by a largely unheralded set of teammates who force him to do much more at 33 than most other players are ever asked.

But James keeps showing he can do it, and he can't wait for his chance to win another ring.

Dare count him out?

"At the end of the day, the game is won in between the lines, and we have an opportunity to play for a championship," he said after Sunday's 87-79 victory over Boston. "That's all that matters."

James dragged an injured and inconsistent Cavaliers team out of the Eastern Conference and back to the NBA Finals, where they will be an underdog against whichever team wins Game 7 in the West on Monday.

But after playing all 48 minutes in his 100th game of the season, punctuating one of the greatest series a player has ever had with 35 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists, he

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Cavs forward
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